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4TH OF JULY TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. What is the meaning behind the colors red, white and blue?

Answer: Red - hardiness and valor; White - purity and innocence; Blue - vigilance, perseverance and justice.

Source: <http://www.chicagonow.com/tween-us/2013/07/4th-of-july-facts-trivia-history/>

2. What are the four rules for displaying the US Flag?

Answer:

1. The flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset. If the flag is displayed at night it should be illuminated.
2. Never allow the flag to touch the ground or the floor.
3. When displayed on a wall or window the blue field should be in the upper left corner.
4. The flag should be raised quickly and lowered ceremoniously.

Source: <http://www.chicagonow.com/tween-us/2013/06/13-facts-for-flag-day/>

3. What was the name of the woman who sewed the first US flag?

Answer: Betsy Ross.

PBS says, "While no one knows the exact origin of the first American flag, some historians believe it was designed by Congressman Francis Hopkinson and sewn by Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross." Did you know that was up for debate?

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4. What date is considered the true Independence Day?

Answer: July 2, 1776, the day that the colonies officially voted in favor of Lee's motion for independence.

According to author Kenneth C. Davis, July 2nd is the real day of Independence, but it's celebrated on the fourth because that's when congress accepted Jefferson's declaration.

Source: <http://list25.com/25-fun-facts-about-4th-of-july-that-will-make-you-want-to-celebrate/>

5. Who were the only two men to sign the Declaration of Independence on the 4th of July?

Answer: John Hancock and Charles Thompson.

Source: <http://list25.com/25-fun-facts-about-4th-of-july-that-will-make-you-want-to-celebrate/>

6. On the 4th of July, who are we declaring independence from?

Answer: Britain/England

The Declaration of Independence was a justification for a revolt against the British which included a list of charges against the British king.

Source: <http://list25.com/25-fun-facts-about-4th-of-july-that-will-make-you-want-to-celebrate/>

7. Who wrote our national anthem, “The Star Spangled Banner?”

Answer: Francis Scott Key.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was written by Francis Scott Key and was originally a poem stemming from his observations in 1814 concerning the British attack on Baltimore's Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. It was later put to music, though not decreed the official national anthem until 1931.

Source: <http://list25.com/25-fun-facts-about-4th-of-july-that-will-make-you-want-to-celebrate/>

8. Which president was born on the 4th of July?

Answer: Calvin Coolidge, America's 30th President, on July 4, 1872.

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9. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?

Answer: July 4 and August 2, 1776.

On July 1, 1776, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, and on the following day 12 of the 13 colonies voted in favor of Richard Henry Lee's motion for independence. On July 4, Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence, and as a result the date is celebrated as Independence Day. Nearly a month would go by, however, before the actual signing of the document took place. First, New York's delegates didn't officially give their support until July 9 because their home assembly hadn't yet authorized them to vote in favor of independence. Next, it took two weeks for the Declaration to be “engrossed”—written on parchment in a clear hand. Most of the delegates signed on August 2, but several—Elbridge Gerry, Oliver Wolcott, Lewis Morris, Thomas McKean and Matthew Thornton—signed on a later date. (Two others, John Dickinson and Robert R. Livingston, never signed at all.) The signed parchment copy now resides at the National Archives in the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom, alongside the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Source: <http://www.history.com/news/9-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-declaration-of-independence>

10. What is written on the back of the original Declaration of Independence?

Answer: “Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776.”

In the movie “National Treasure,” Nicholas Cage's character claims that the back of the Declaration contains a treasure map with encrypted instructions from the founding fathers, written in invisible ink. Unfortunately, this is not the case. There is, however, a simpler message, written upside-down across the bottom of the signed document: “Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776.” No one knows who exactly wrote this or when, but during the Revolutionary War years the parchment was frequently rolled up for transport. It's thought that the text was added as a label.

Source: <http://www.history.com/news/9-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-declaration-of-independence>

11. When did Congress declare the 4th of July a federal holiday?

Answer: July 4 was declared a National Holiday on June 28, 1870, but it did not become a Federal (paid) holiday until 1941.

Source: <http://www.chicagonow.com/tween-us/2013/07/4th-of-july-facts-trivia-history/>

12. How many people lived in the United States in 1776 compared to now?

Answer: In 1776, about 2.5 million people lived in the United States. Compare that to the 311.7 million people in 2011.

Source: <http://list25.com/25-fun-facts-about-4th-of-july-that-will-make-you-want-to-celebrate/>

13. What is America's National Anthem?

Answer: "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The song officially became our national anthem by an act of Congress in 1931.

Source: <http://i.infopls.com/images/pdf/quizzes/july4-trivia-kids.pdf>

14. What event took place to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: The Liberty Bell was rung.

The bell was rung on July 8, 1776, to mark the milestone event.

Source: <http://i.infopls.com/images/pdf/quizzes/july4-trivia-kids.pdf>

15. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: It was written by Thomas Jefferson and revised by John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Jefferson.

Source: <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/independenceday1.html#ixzz3a2O2I0JO>

16. How many men signed the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: 56.

All 56 men who ultimately signed the Declaration showed great courage. Announcing independence from Great Britain was an act of treason, punishable by death.

Source: <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/independenceday1.html#ixzz3a2OWjSle>