



# Fourth of July

## Trivia Questions

### Multiple Choice Questions:

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1. The United States of America declared independence in what year?
  - a. 1876
  - b. 1776
  - c. 1476
  - d. 1676
2. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
  - a. George Washington
  - b. Benjamin Franklin
  - c. Thomas Jefferson
  - d. John Hancock
3. Which city was the first to celebrate Independence Day on July 4th?
  - a. Norfolk, VA
  - b. Washington, DC
  - c. New York, NY
  - d. Philadelphia, PA
4. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?
  - a. 32
  - b. 25
  - c. 18
  - d. 56
5. Fourth of July celebrations increased heavily in the U.S. after what war?
  - a. War of 1812
  - b. American Civil War
  - c. World War I
  - d. World War II
6. In what year did Independence Day become a legal federal holiday?
  - a. 1776
  - b. 1876
  - c. 1941
  - d. 1951
7. Where is the original Declaration of Independence kept?
  - a. Philadelphia, PA
  - b. Jamestown, VA
  - c. Washington, D.C.
  - d. Plymouth, MA

8. Approximately how many fireworks displays take place across America on July 4th?
- 1 million
  - 100,000
  - 43,000
  - 14,000
9. In 1778 George Washington celebrated Independence Day by giving what to his soldiers?
- Rum
  - New uniforms
  - Whiskey
  - New weapons
10. How many people travel at least 50 miles for Independence Day celebrations?
- 500,000
  - 1 million
  - 27 million
  - 42 million
11. How many cases of beer are sold on 4th of July weekend each year?
- Nearly 70 million
  - About 1 million
  - Nearly 1 billion
  - About 10 million
12. What is the most popular way Americans celebrate the 4th of July?
- Fireworks
  - Parade
  - Barbecue picnic
  - Vacation
13. Approximately what percentage of people watch a fireworks display on the 4th of July?
- 32%
  - 90%
  - 47%
  - 63%
14. Why did John Hancock have the largest signature on the Declaration of Independence?
- He wanted to send a message to King George III
  - To indicate his role as President of the Continental Congress
  - That's just how he signed his name
  - He wanted to show dominance over the other signers
15. Approximately how many hot dogs do Americans eat on the 4th of July?
- 150 million
  - 1.5 billion
  - 50 million
  - 800,000

## True or False Questions:

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1. The oldest man to sign the Declaration of Independence was Benjamin Franklin.
2. The motion in the Continental Congress to declare independence was first made by John Adams.
3. John Hancock was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence.
4. All 13 colonies voted to approve the Declaration of Independence.
5. Americans eat more red meat and pork on the 4th of July than chicken.
6. New York was the first state to make Independence Day a state holiday.
7. The number of people who display American flags on the holiday is lower than the number of people who get together with family.
8. The Average American spends about \$75 on 4th of July food.
9. Around 20% of Americans don't celebrate Independence Day.
10. Approximately 80% of Americans attend a barbecue on the 4th of July.
11. Half of Americans currently own patriotic clothing and apparel.
12. The largest 4th of July fireworks display takes place in Philadelphia, PA.
13. It takes about 6 barges to hold all the fireworks launched during the Macy's fireworks display in New York City.
14. The Liberty Bell got its famous crack on the day the Declaration of Independence was signed.
15. Three U.S. Presidents have died on July 4th.

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## Trivia Answers

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1. B. The Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776, says history.com's holiday [infographic](#).
2. C. [Military.com](#) reports Jefferson was tasked with its creation although the entire Continental Congress helped finalize it.
3. D. [PBS](#) reports the city of Philadelphia celebrated the one-year anniversary with bonfires, bells, and fireworks.
4. D. According to history.com, 56 men signed the Declaration.
5. A. PBS says holiday observations spread when the War of 1812 was over.
6. C. Congress declared the holiday in 1941 says history.com.
7. C. Military.com reports the document is kept in the National Archives.
8. D. [Statistic Brain](#) says there are only about 14,000 public displays.
9. A. According to history.com he gave the soldiers double their usual rum allowance.
10. D. [U.S. news](#) reports in 2015 41.9 million people make the nearly 1 hour trip.
11. A. According to U.S. News, 68 million cases sold in 2015
12. C. The [National Retail Federation](#) says almost 70% of people report attending a barbecue, picnic, or cookout for the 4th.
13. D. More than half of Americans watch fireworks says history.com
14. C. According to [Business Insider](#), comparisons of Hancock's other signatures from the same period looked as big as his Declaration signature.
15. A. History.com, shares the amount of hot dogs consumed could fit across the entire united states over five times.

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1. True. History.com says Franklin was 70 years old at the time.
2. False. According to military.com, Richard Henry Lee was the first to officially propose this resolution.
3. True. History.com reports Hancock was the first and largest signature.
4. False. Military.com says only nine voted for the document while two voted no, one abstained, and one was undecided.
5. False. Statistic Brain, reports nearly 700 million pounds of chicken are bought in the week before the holiday while only 190 million pounds of beef/pork are sold.
6. False. According to history.com Massachusetts was first in 1781.
7. True. According to Statistic Brain, 76% gather with family while only 66% display a flag.
8. True. The NRF says the average household spends \$73.42.
9. False. Only around 12% don't celebrate says the NRF.
10. True. According to history.com, 80% of Americans celebrate at a barbecue.
11. True. The NRF reports about 53% of those surveyed report owning patriotic shirts, bathing suits, and shoes.
12. False. According to history.com, the largest is the Macy's display in New York City.
13. True. History.com says 6 barges carry the entire display.
14. False. The public wasn't informed of the Declaration's approval until around July 8th and it didn't contain all signatures until August 1776, says Business Insider so there was no celebration on the day it was signed.
15. True. Business Insider reports John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe all died on July 4th of different years.