

Fourth of July Trivia Quiz 2022

1. Which delegate to the Continental Congress introduced the resolution to seek independence from Great Britain?

Answer: C. [Richard Henry Lee](#). On June 7, 1776, Lee, a delegate from Virginia, introduced a resolution declaring: "That these United Colonies are, and of right out to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; that measures should be immediately taken for procuring the assistance of foreign powers, and a Confederation be formed to bind the colonies more closely together."

2. How many members of the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776?

Answer: A. [Two](#). Only John Hancock, the president of the Continental Congress, and Charles Thompson, its secretary, immediately signed the handwritten draft of the Declaration of Independence. On August 2, 1776, fifty-six members of the Continental Congress signed a more formally handwritten (engrossed) copy of the Declaration of Independence.

3. Why is Edward Rutledge of South Carolina distinctive among the members of the Continental Congress who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: B. He [opposed](#) seeking independence. He nonetheless signed the Declaration of Independence because he believed it would strengthen the colonials' hand in dealing with the British government if they were seen as united.

4. What is Mary Katharine Goddard's relationship to the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: C. [She printed the first version](#) of the Declaration to list the signatories. She printed the first version of the Declaration of Independence to list the signatories. In January 1777, the Continental Congress asked Goddard, who was the postmaster in Baltimore, to print [the first](#) version of the Declaration to include the names of the signers. She became the only woman with her name on an official edition of the Declaration when she added, "Baltimore, in Maryland: Printed by Mary Katharine Goddard" at the bottom of the document.

5. Which state voted on July 4, 1845, to be annexed by the United States?

Answer: D. [Texas](#). Nine years after Texas won its independence from Mexico, delegates to the Republic of Texas's Annexation Convention voted on July 4, 1845, to accept the U.S. offer of annexation. Texas officially joined the United States on December 29, 1845.

6. Which state can say it was organized as a territory on July 4, 1836?

Answer: D. [Wisconsin](#). Wisconsin officially broke off from the Michigan Territory on July 4, 1836.

7. Where is Independence National Historical Park located?

Answer: C. [Philadelphia](#). Independence National Historical Park is a federally protected historic district in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The park includes the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were both debated and signed.

8. Which president went to high school in a town named for the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: D. [Harry Truman](#). His family moved to Independence, Missouri, when he was six years old. He graduated from Independence High School in 1901.

9. Which famous collection of American poetry was first published on July 4, 1855?

Answer: D. Walt Whitman's [Leaves of Grass](#). Only about 800 copies of this American classic were [originally printed](#).

10. Which New York City building was designed to be exactly 1,776 feet tall?

Answer: D. [One World Trade Center](#). The One World Trade Center is currently the tallest skyscraper in the United States.

11. What did New Englanders long consider to be the traditional Fourth of July meal?

Answer: C. [Salmon and peas](#). Atlantic salmon runs coincided with the ripening of the pea crop in late June.

12. Roughly how many hot dogs are Americans likely to eat this July Fourth weekend?

Answer: B. [150 million](#). July is National Hot Dog Month.

13. What is the record for the most hot dogs eaten in the annual Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest?

Answer: C. [Seventy-six](#). Fourteen-time champion Joey Chestnut ate seventy-six hot dogs in ten minutes at last year's Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest.