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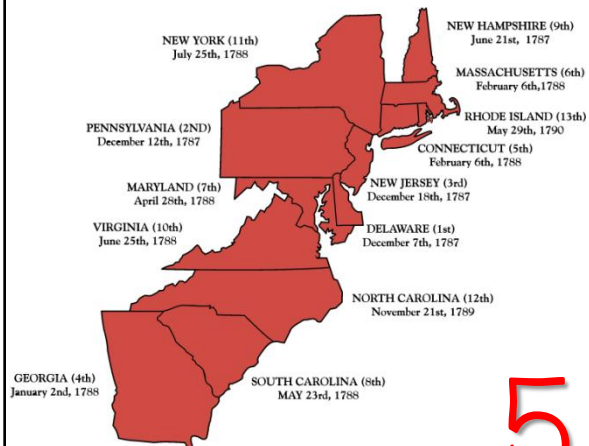
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JULY
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Declaration of Independence & Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence. He was a part of a committee of 5 men but he is the actual author.



Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence was revised by John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson.



Betsy Ross

Betsy Ross was asked to sew the first American Flag.

JULY
4th

Happy 4th of July!



13 Colonies

Delaware 1787
Pennsylvania 1787
New Jersey 1787
Georgia 1788
Connecticut 1788
Massachusetts 1788
Maryland 1788
South Carolina 1788
New Hampshire 1788
Virginia 1788
New York 1788
North Carolina 1789
Rhode Island 1790



The Original Flag

The original flag was made by Betsy Ross and had 13 stars in the form of a circle.



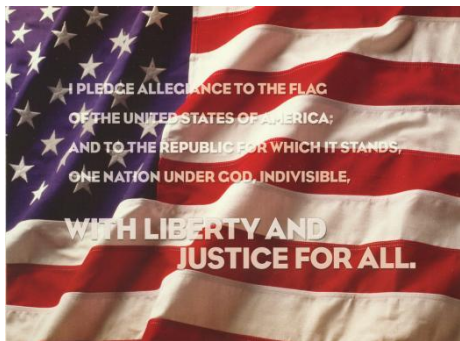
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George Washington

George Washington was the 1st president of the United States of America.



1776

The Declaration of Independence was officially adopted on July 4th, 1776.



John Hancock

John Hancock was the first signature on the Declaration of Independence and the only man to actually sign it on July 4th, 1776,



Pledge of Allegiance

The first version of the Pledge was written 1892. The final version as it still reads was written in 1954.



Bald Eagle

The bald eagle is our national animal, chosen by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

It was chosen June 20, 1782 because of its long life, great strength and majestic looks, and also because it was then believed to exist only on this continent.

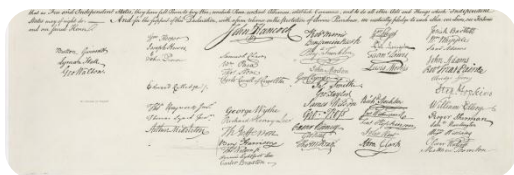
Interesting fact-Benjamin Franklin wanted it to be the turkey!



Liberty Bell

It was rung July 8, 1776, with other church bells, to announce the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Its inscription, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof," is from the Bible (Lev. 25:10). It is located in Philadelphia, PA.

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red

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blue

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56 Signatures

There were 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence, most on Aug 2, 1776.

John Adams (Mass.)
Samuel Adams (Mass.)
Josiah Bartlett (N.H.)
Carter Braxton (Va.)
Charles Carroll (Md.)
Samuel Chase (Md.)
Abraham Clark (N.J.)
George Clymer (Pa.)
William Ellery (R.I.)
William Floyd (N.Y.)
Benjamin Franklin (Pa.)
Elbridge Gerry (Mass.)
Button Gwinnett (Ga.)
Lyman Hall (Ga.)
John Hancock (Mass.)
Benjamin Harrison (Va.)

John Hart (N.J.)
Joseph Hewes (N.C.)
Thomas Heyward, Jr. (S.C.)
William Hooper (N.C.)
Stephen Hopkins (R.I.)
Francis Hopkinson (N.J.)
Samuel Huntington (Conn.)
Thomas Jefferson (Va.)
Francis Lightfoot Lee (Va.)
Richard Henry Lee (Va.)
Francis Lewis (N.Y.)
Philip Livingston (N.Y.)
Thomas Lynch, Jr. (S.C.)
Thomas McKean (Del.)
Arthur Middleton (S.C.)
Lewis Morris (N.Y.)

Robert Morris (Pa.)
John Morton (Pa.)
Thomas Nelson, Jr. (Va.)
William Paca (Md.)
Robert T. Paine (Mass.)
John Penn (N.C.)
George Read (Del.)
Caesar Rodney (Del.)
George Ross (Pa.)
Benjamin Rush (Pa.)
Edward Rutledge (S.C.)
Roger Sherman (Conn.)
James Smith (Pa.)
Richard Stockton (N.J.)
Thomas Stone (Md.)
George Taylor (Pa.)

Matthew Thornton (N.H.)
George Walton (Ga.)
William Whipple (N.H.)
William Williams (Conn.)
James Wilson (Pa.)
John Witherspoon (N.J.)
Oliver Wolcott (Conn.)
George Wythe (Va.)



Fireworks

By the time of the American Revolution, fireworks had long played a part in celebrating important events. They still do today! The 4th of July is no exception!



England

The Declaration of Independence was written to declare freedom from England.



Revolutionary War

The American Revolutionary War lasted from 1775-1783. It was fought in order to gain independence from Great Britain {England}.

RED

The color red symbolizes courage or valor.

BLUE

The color blue symbolizes justice.

white

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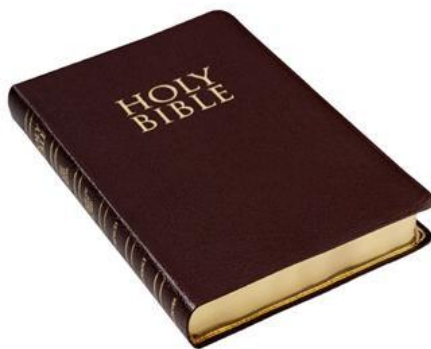
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WHITE

White symbolizes purity and innocence.



US Seal

The US Seal shows the eagle grasping a flowing ribbon bearing the first MOTTO of the United States:

E Pluribus Unum

These Latin words are translated "Out of many, One", reminding us that out of many States was born One new Nation.



13 Stripes

The 13 stripes symbolize the original 13 colonies.



50 Stars

The 50 stars symbolize the current 50 states.



The Bible

54 of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence were Christians and 27 even held theology degrees! Our nation was founded on Christian principles.

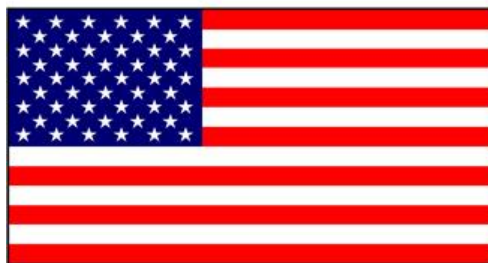


Philadelphia, PA

The Declaration of Independence was written and signed in Philadelphia, PA.



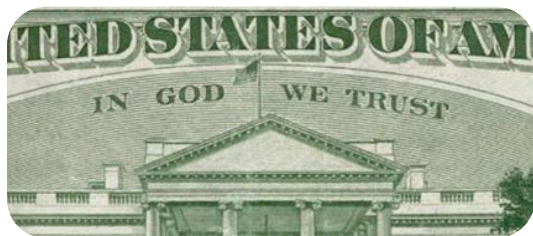
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Independence Hall

Independence Hall is located in Philadelphia, PA. It was built from 1732-1753. It is considered the birthplace of the United States. It was within its walls that the Declaration of Independence was adopted. It was here that the Constitution of the United States was debated, drafted and signed.



Current USA Flag

The current USA Flag has 13 stripes and 50 stars.



The Rose

The rose was declared our national flower in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan.



In God We Trust

In God We Trust was adopted as the official motto of the United States in 1956



Mount Rushmore

Mount Rushmore is located in South Dakota and shows sculptures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln representing the first 150 years of the history of the United States.



The Oak Tree

The Oak tree was declared our national tree in 2004.



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USA

The current map of the
United States of America.