



Happy Independence Day!

Test your patriotic knowledge with this **4th of July** quiz!

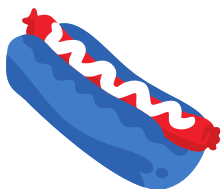
1. The Declaration of Independence was written on...
 - A. a laptop
 - B. a writing desk
 - C. the floor
2. What other major events in history have occurred on July 4th?
 - A. The Library of Congress was founded
 - B. The Star Spangled Banner was written
 - C. The Philippines declared independence
3. *Yankee Doodle* is the official state song of...
 - A. Massachusetts
 - B. New York
 - C. Connecticut
4. According to the U.S. Flag Code, it is inappropriate to sell...
 - A. American flag mugs
 - B. American flag t-shirts
 - C. American flag towels
5. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776?
 - A. 50
 - B. 56
 - C. 2
6. What was the first known democracy in North America?
 - A. the Iroquois Confederacy
 - B. the United States
 - C. the Republic of Texas
7. How old was the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence?
 - A. 14
 - B. 22
 - C. 26
8. About how many hot dogs will be eaten this 4th of July?
 - A. 50 million
 - B. 150 million
 - C. 300 million

Answers on the back!





1. The Declaration of Independence was written on...
A. a laptop! Thomas Jefferson used a piece of furniture then known as a "laptop," which was a kind of desk built to fit over one's lap.
2. What other major events in history have occurred on July 4th?
C. The Philippines declared independence! Although Philippine Independence from the Spanish is celebrated in June, Philippine independence from the USA was declared on July 4, 1946.
3. *Yankee Doodle* is the official state song of...
C. Connecticut! The original version was written by a British Army surgeon named Richard Shuckburgh, who was serving in North America during the Seven Years War. He wrote the song in 1755, to make fun of the British stereotype of American colonial soldiers: rural simpletons who thought that sticking feathers in their caps would make them stylish.
4. According to the U.S. Flag Code, it is inappropriate to sell...
All of the above! (Sorry for the trick question!) The U.S. Flag Code states that you are in violation if you sell or display any "article of merchandise . . . upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached, or otherwise placed a representation of [the flag... in order to] advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark, or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed."
5. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776?
C. 2! Of the fifty-six people who signed the Declaration, only two (Charles Thompson of Pennsylvania and John Hancock of Massachusetts) actually affixed their signatures on the 4th of July. The rest signed over the course of the next month.
6. What was the first known democracy in North America?
A. the Iroquois Confederacy! However, "Iroquois" was a name given to these people by outsiders. The proper name is Haudenosaunee, or the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. The six member nations of the Confederacy (Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora) are all still present in New York State and Canada, and other places in the United States due to forced removals. They each remain sovereign nations, and have their own tribal governments.
7. How old was the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence?
C. 26! The youngest signers, Thomas Lynch Jr. and Edward Rutledge, both of South Carolina, were only 26 years old when they signed the document. (If you're wondering who was *actually* youngest, Edward Rutledge, born Nov. 23, 1749, was the younger of the two by about three months.)
8. About how many hot dogs will be eaten this 4th of July?
B. 150 million! In 2021, the National Hot Dog And Sausage Council estimated Americans would eat 150 million hot dogs on the 4th. (And, since the population of the US is 329.5 million as of 2020, that means *somebody's* not pulling their weight!)



Have a Happy 4th!

