

Fourth of July Quiz 2018

1) Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

- A) Baltimore, Maryland
- B) Boston, Massachusetts
- C) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- D) Richmond, Virginia

Answer: C. The Declaration of Independence [was signed in Philadelphia](#) at the colonial legislature for Pennsylvania (later named Independence Hall). The U.S. Constitution was also signed there.

2) Who was the president of the Continental Congress when the Declaration of Independence was signed?

- A) Richard Henry Lee
- B) Samuel Adams
- C) John Witherspoon
- D) John Hancock

Answer: D. John Hancock [was president of the Continental Congress](#) when independence was declared. His signature is the largest on the Declaration of Independence.

3) When and where was the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence?

- A) July 4, 1776 in Philadelphia
- B) July 8, 1776 in Philadelphia
- C) August 1, 1776 in New York
- D) August 8, 1776 in Boston

Answer: B. On July 8, 1776, Colonel John Nixon [read aloud](#) the Declaration of Independence at the State House Yard in Philadelphia. Reenactments of the event are an annual tradition.

4) How many colonies had delegates attending the Continental Congress as it voted on the Declaration of Independence?

- A) Eight
- B) Eleven
- B) Thirteen
- C) Fifteen

Answer: C. All thirteen colonies sent delegations to the Continental Congress.

5) How many of the delegates to the Continental Congress voted against the Declaration of independence?

- A) Zero
- B) One
- C) Five
- D) Thirteen

Answer: A. The Declaration of Independence was approved unanimously.

6) Which founding father read the Declaration of Independence aloud in front of New York City Hall on July 9, 1776, an event that sparked a riot?

- A) Alexander Hamilton
- B) Lewis Morris
- C) George Washington
- D) Benjamin Franklin

Answer: C. On July 9, 1776, George Washington [read the Declaration of Independence](#) outside New York City Hall. The gathered crowds got a bit rowdy and eventually tore down a statue of King George III.

7) Which newspaper was the first to print the Declaration of Independence?

- A) *New York Times*
- B) *Pennsylvania Evening Post*
- C) *Boston Gazette*
- D) *Pennsylvania Journal*

Answer: B. The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* was [the first newspaper](#) to print and circulate the Declaration of Independence on July 6, 1776.

8) In what country was the Liberty Bell made?

- A) France
- B) Spain
- C) China
- D) England

Answer: D. The Liberty Bell [was made in England](#).

9) John Adams believed “The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America.” Why July 2?

- A) That was the day independence was declared
- B) That was when the delegates approved the Declaration of Independence.
- C) That was the day George Washington took command of the Continental Army
- D) That was the day the Continental Congress adopted the Constitution.

Answer: A. The Continental Congress [voted to declare independence](#) on July 2, 1776. The delegates approved the document explaining their independence vote, the Declaration of Independence, on July 4, 1776.

10) When did the term “Founding Fathers” first come into use?

- A) 1776
- B) 1861
- C) 1916
- D) 1945

Answer: C. 1916. Warren G. Harding [used the term](#) in 1916 at a speech to the Republican National Convention.

11) Which colony has the fewest signatories to the Declaration of Independence?

- A) Connecticut
- B) Delaware
- C) Rhode Island
- D) South Carolina

Answer: C. Rhode Island had [two signatories](#): Stephen Hopkins and William Ellery.

12) What was the most common occupation of the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

- A) Planter
- B) Lawyer
- C) Scientist
- D) Physician

Answer: B. [Twenty-five](#) lawyers signed the Declaration of Independence.

13) How did the famed Nathan's Fourth of July hot dog eating contest supposedly get started?

- A) Four immigrants wanted to prove who was the most patriotic
- B) A college fraternity challenge
- C) Four brothers lost a bet with their sister
- D) Nathan Handwerker had to get rid of old hotdogs

Answer: A. [According to Nathan's official website](#), Nathan Handwerker, who owned a Coney Island hot dog stand, overheard four immigrants arguing over who was more patriotic on July 4, 1916. Handwerker challenged them to a hot dog eating contest and said the winner would be deemed most patriotic.