

Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson was an important leader in U.S. history.

He was born in Virginia in 1743.

Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.

He was the third president of the United States.

He was president from 1801 to 1809.

He was president when the United States bought the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803.

Jefferson started the University of Virginia in 1819.

Thomas Jefferson died on July 4, 1826.



*Thomas Jefferson by Rembrandt Peale.
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*Map of the Louisiana Purchase Territory.
Courtesy of the National Archives.*



Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello.

Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence is an important document for Americans.

In the 1700s, the colonists were angry with Great Britain. They said Great Britain did not respect the colonists' rights.

The colonists wanted to be free from Great Britain.

The colonists wanted to declare their independence.

Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.



The Declaration of Independence.

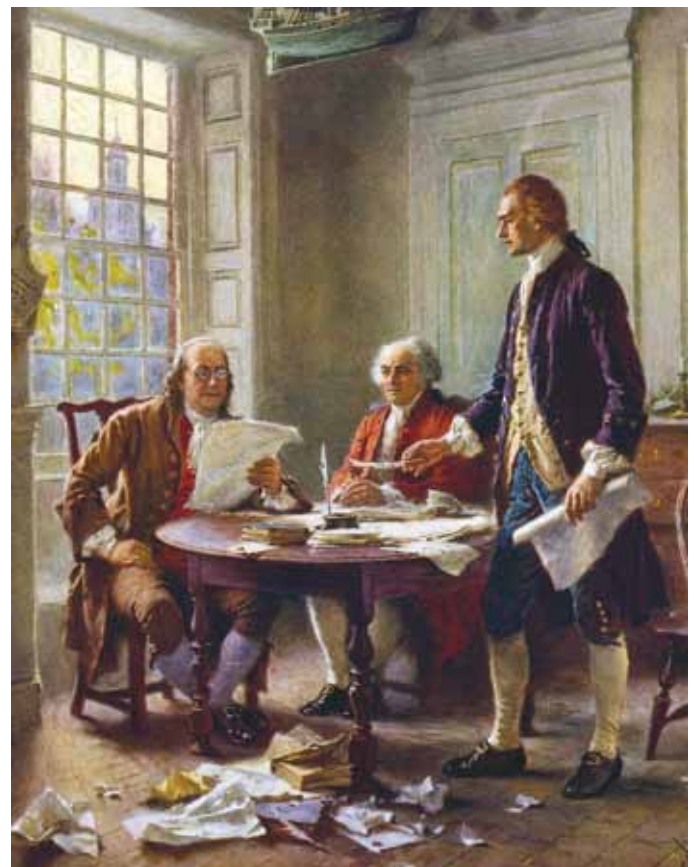
The Declaration of Independence says that “all men are created equal.”

There are three rights in the Declaration of Independence:

- life
- liberty
- pursuit of happiness

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

Americans celebrate Independence Day on July 4th.



Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson in “Writing the Declaration of Independence, 1776,” by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris.

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War of Independence



Molly Pitcher firing a cannon at the Battle of Monmouth in 1778 during the American Revolutionary War by Percy Moran.

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Why did the colonists fight the British?

- because of high taxes
- because the British army stayed in the colonists' houses
- because the colonists did not have self-government

The War of Independence started in 1775.

The colonists declared their independence in 1776.

George Washington was a general during the war.

The colonists won the war in 1783.

After that, the colonies formed the original 13 states.

George Washington at Princeton.
Courtesy of the U.S. Senate Collection.



The 13 Original States

There were 13 original states.

Look at this map of the 13 original states. Write the name of each state.

1. Ne_____ Ham_____

2. Mas_____

3. Rh_____ Is_____

4. Con_____

5. Ne_____ Yo_____

6. Ne_____ Je_____

7. Pen_____

8. Del_____

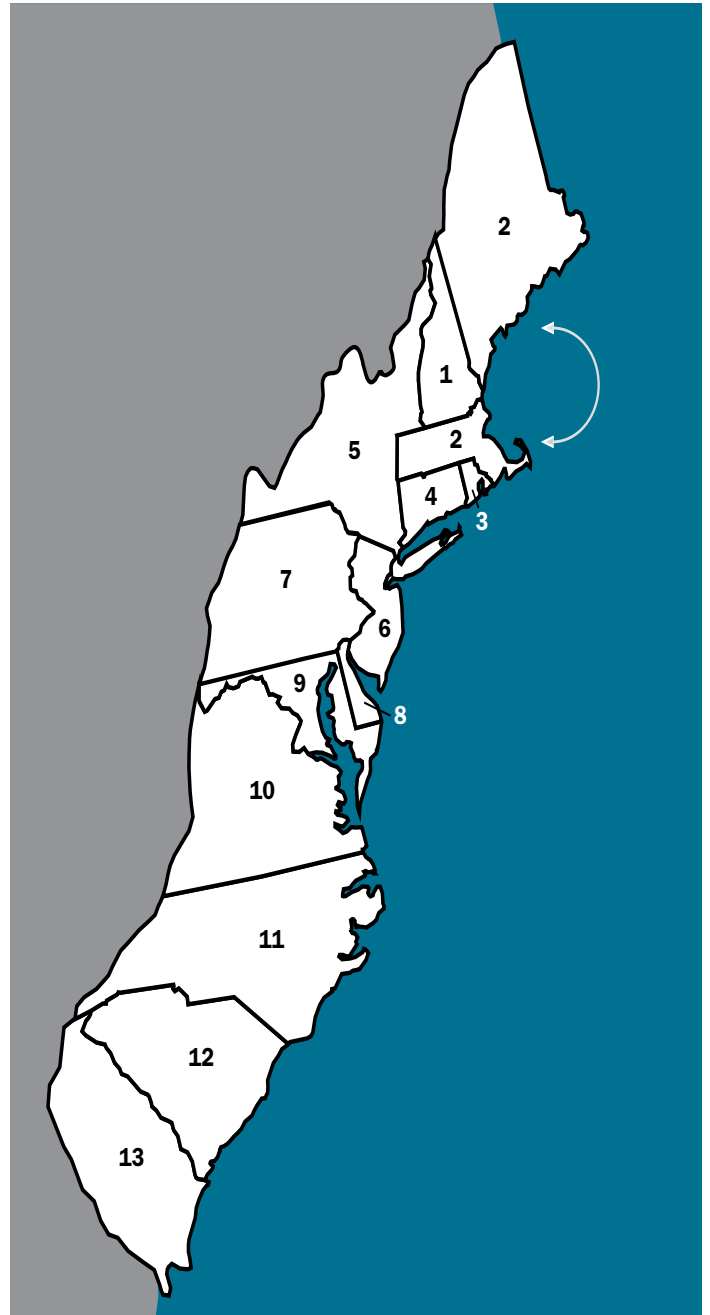
9. Mar_____

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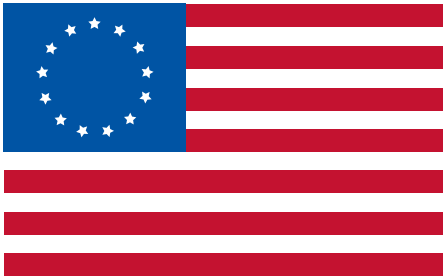
11. No_____ Ca_____

12. Sou_____ Ca_____

13. Geo_____



U.S. Symbols—Stars and Stripes



The first American flag.

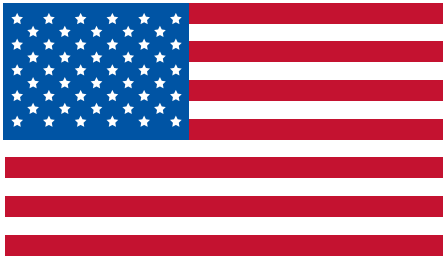
Look at the first American flag.

This flag had ____ stripes. This flag had ____ stars.

Why? The first flag had ____ stripes and ____ stars to represent ____ colonies.

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Look at the flag today.



The American flag today.

Today the flag has ____ stripes.

Each stripe represents ____ colony.

Today the flag has ____ stars.

Each star represents ____ state.

The U.S. flag has three colors:

_____, _____, and _____.

Word Search

Find these words in the puzzle.

The words are down (↓) or across (→). Circle the words.

Word Bank

FLAG STARS STRIPES
RED WHITE BLUE
LIFE LIBERTY HAPPINESS
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O	R	E	D	L	B	W	C	H
F	J	Q	Y	I	G	H	V	A
L	U	U	M	F	W	I	U	P
A	L	I	B	E	R	T	Y	P
G	Y	T	S	P	N	E	Z	I
J	E	F	F	E	R	S	O	N
M	B	Z	P	A	C	M	P	E
P	L	A	Z	L	P	V	B	S
O	U	N	Y	S	T	A	R	S
M	E	S	T	R	I	P	E	S

Listen, Repeat, Circle

Listen to your teacher. Repeat the question.

Listen again and repeat again.

Circle the correct answer.

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| 1. George Washington | Thomas Jefferson | Abraham Lincoln |
| 2. free the slaves | vote in an election | declare independence |
| 3. 1776 | 1787 | 1803 |
| 4. religion and speech | voting and taxes | life and liberty |
| 5. because of taxes | because of the flag | because of Jefferson |
| 6. to represent
50 colonies | to represent
50 presidents | to represent
50 states |
| 7. Pennsylvania | Louisiana | Puerto Rico |
| 8. June 4 | January 1 | July 4 |

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Dictation

Listen to your teacher.

Repeat the words.

Write the words.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Independence Day

Copy these words.

Independence Day

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The Statue of Liberty on July 4th.

Copy this sentence.

We celebrate Independence Day on July 4th.

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