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4TH OF JULY TRIVIA GAME

40 QUESTIONS • BONUS ROUND • ANSWER KEY

PRINT • PLAY • CELEBRATE

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Easy setup for family parties, classrooms and cookouts

HOW TO PLAY

- 1 Choose teams or play individually.
- 2 Give each player or team an answer sheet.
- 3 Read each question aloud. No peeking at the answer key!
- 4 Award one point for every correct answer.
- 5 Use the bonus round as a tiebreaker.
- 6 Add the scores and crown your trivia champion!

WHAT YOU NEED

- ★ A copy of the question pages
- ★ One answer sheet per player or team
- ★ Pens or pencils
- ★ The answer key for the host
- ★ A small prize for the winner (optional)

WAYS TO PLAY

PARTY PLAY

Read the questions aloud and let teams compare answers.

CLASSROOM PLAY

Divide the room into groups and award one point per answer.

QUICK PLAY

Choose 10 or 20 questions for a shorter game.

TIEBREAKER

Use the five true-or-false questions if scores are tied.



ROUND 1 • QUESTIONS 1-10



Write your answer on the line below each question

1

What historic document is celebrated on the Fourth of July?

2

In what year was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

3

How many original colonies declared independence?

4

Which city hosted the Second Continental Congress?

5

Who wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence?

6

On what date did Congress officially adopt the Declaration of Independence?

7

What colors are traditionally associated with the Fourth of July?

8

What is another common name for the Fourth of July?

9

What patriotic symbol appears on the Great Seal of the United States?

10

What song is the national anthem of the United States?



ROUND 1 • QUESTIONS 11-20



Write your answer on the line below each question

11

On what date did Congress vote for independence from Great Britain?

12

Was the Declaration of Independence signed by every delegate on July 4, 1776?

13

How many delegates eventually signed the Declaration of Independence?

14

Who was the first person to sign the formal parchment copy?

15

Whose name became a popular expression meaning “signature”?

16

Who was the oldest signer of the Declaration of Independence?

17

Who was the youngest signer?

18

Approximately how many copies of the first printed Declaration were produced?

19

Where can visitors see the original Declaration of Independence today?

20

What famous phrase appears near the beginning of the Declaration?



ROUND 2 • QUESTIONS 21-30



Write your answer on the line below each question

21

Which two former presidents died on July 4, 1826?

22

Which other former president died on the Fourth of July?

23

Which president was born on the Fourth of July?

24

Which president held the first Fourth of July celebration at the White House?

25

What war was taking place when the Declaration was adopted?

26

Who commanded the Continental Army during the Revolution?

27

Which country did the colonies declare independence from?

28

How many stars appeared on the first official U.S. flag?

29

How many stars are on the American flag today?

30

How many stripes appear on the American flag?



ROUND 2 • QUESTIONS 31-40



Write your answer on the line below each question

31

In which state is the oldest continuous Fourth of July celebration held?

32

What activity did John Adams predict would become part of Independence Day celebrations?

33

What city hosts the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular?

34

What patriotic march is often played on the Fourth of July?

35

What famous bell is associated with American independence?

36

What food is eaten in enormous quantities on the Fourth of July?

37

What annual eating competition is held on Coney Island on July 4?

38

Which patriotic place name is especially common in the United States?

39

What anniversary does the United States celebrate on July 4, 2026?

40

In what year will the United States celebrate its 300th anniversary?

BONUS TRUE OR FALSE

Circle your answer - then use this round as a tiebreaker

1

Benjamin Franklin formally proposed the turkey as the national bird.

TRUE

FALSE

2

The Declaration was written and signed on the same day.

TRUE

FALSE

3

The Fourth of July has always been a paid federal holiday.

TRUE

FALSE

4

Fireworks were used during early Independence Day celebrations.

TRUE

FALSE

5

The original Declaration is kept at the White House.

TRUE

FALSE

BONUS SCORE: ____ / 5



ANSWER KEY • 1-20



Keep this page hidden until the game is finished

1. What historic document is celebrated on the Fourth of July?

The Declaration of Independence.

3. How many original colonies declared independence?

13 colonies.

5. Who wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence?

Thomas Jefferson.

7. What colors are traditionally associated with the Fourth of July?

Red, white, and blue.

9. What patriotic symbol appears on the Great Seal of the United States?

The bald eagle.

11. On what date did Congress vote for independence from Great Britain?

July 2, 1776.

13. How many delegates eventually signed the Declaration of Independence?

56 delegates.

15. Whose name became a popular expression meaning "signature"?

John Hancock.

17. Who was the youngest signer?

Edward Rutledge of South Carolina.

19. Where can visitors see the original Declaration of Independence today?

The National Archives Museum in Washington, D.C.

2. In what year was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

1776.

4. Which city hosted the Second Continental Congress?

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

6. On what date did Congress officially adopt the Declaration of Independence?

July 4, 1776.

8. What is another common name for the Fourth of July?

Independence Day.

10. What song is the national anthem of the United States?

The Star-Spangled Banner.

12. Was the Declaration of Independence signed by every delegate on July 4, 1776?

No.

14. Who was the first person to sign the formal parchment copy?

John Hancock.

16. Who was the oldest signer of the Declaration of Independence?

Benjamin Franklin.

18. Approximately how many copies of the first printed Declaration were produced?

About 200.

20. What famous phrase appears near the beginning of the Declaration?

All men are created equal.



ANSWER KEY • 21-40



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21. Which two former presidents died on July 4, 1826?

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams.

23. Which president was born on the Fourth of July?

Calvin Coolidge.

25. What war was taking place when the Declaration was adopted?

The American Revolutionary War.

27. Which country did the colonies declare independence from?

Great Britain.

29. How many stars are on the American flag today?

50 stars.

31. In which state is the oldest continuous Fourth of July celebration held?

Rhode Island.

33. What city hosts the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular?

Boston, Massachusetts.

35. What famous bell is associated with American independence?

The Liberty Bell.

37. What annual eating competition is held on Coney Island on July 4?

Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest.

39. What anniversary does the United States celebrate on July 4, 2026?

The 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

22. Which other former president died on the Fourth of July?

James Monroe.

24. Which president held the first Fourth of July celebration at the White House?

Thomas Jefferson.

26. Who commanded the Continental Army during the Revolution?

George Washington.

28. How many stars appeared on the first official U.S. flag?

13 stars.

30. How many stripes appear on the American flag?

13 stripes.

32. What activity did John Adams predict would become part of Independence Day celebrations?

Fireworks.

34. What patriotic march is often played on the Fourth of July?

The Stars and Stripes Forever.

36. What food is eaten in enormous quantities on the Fourth of July?

Hot dogs.

38. Which patriotic place name is especially common in the United States?

Liberty.

40. In what year will the United States celebrate its 300th anniversary?

2076.

BONUS ANSWERS & SCORE GUIDE

How did your crew do?

BONUS ROUND ANSWERS

1. **FALSE** Benjamin Franklin formally proposed the turkey as the national bird.
2. **FALSE** The Declaration was written and signed on the same day.
3. **FALSE** The Fourth of July has always been a paid federal holiday.
4. **TRUE** Fireworks were used during early Independence Day celebrations.
5. **FALSE** The original Declaration is kept at the White House.

YOUR PATRIOTIC SCORE

35-40

INDEPENDENCE DAY EXPERT

25-34

PATRIOTIC HISTORY BUFF

15-24

STAR-SPANGLED STUDENT

0-14

READY FOR ANOTHER ROUND

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY FROM SHIBLEY SMILES!



PLAYER ANSWER SHEET



Print one copy for each player or team

PLAYER / TEAM: _____

FINAL SCORE: _____

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TEAM SCOREBOARD

Room for up to eight teams or players

Team / Player

Questions 1-20

Questions 21-40

Bonus

Total

1

2

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6

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8

TRIVIA CHAMPION: _____