



American History Quiz



1. Despite saying that he had "no wish but that of living and dying an honest man on my own farm," which man became the first President of the United States?

- Thomas Jefferson John Adams George Washington

2. Who was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence?

- Thomas Jefferson John Hancock Benjamin Franklin George Washington

3. Who wrote this statement: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal"?

- Benjamin Franklin George Washington Thomas Jefferson Thomas Paine

4. Who said "I have not yet begun to fight!"?

- John Paul Jones George Washington Paul Revere Patrick Henry

5. The first national capitol was located in what city?

- Philadelphia Boston New York

6. The British and Americans signed a peace treaty on September 3, 1783, in what city?

- Paris, France London, England Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

7. How did the Liberty Bell get its crack?

British troops vandalized it It cracked as it was being rung Someone dropped it It was struck by lightning

8. Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner?

- Betsy Ross Francis Scott Key Patrick Henry

9. Who said "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country"?

- Nathan Hale Patrick Henry Thomas Paine John Paul Jones

10. Who said "Give me liberty or give me death"? Paul Revere Patrick Henry John Hancock

11. Who wrote the pamphlet "Common Sense"? Thomas Paine Thomas Jefferson Benjamin Franklin

12. The British surrendered on October 19, _____, at Yorktown, Virginia. 1776 1781 1783

13. The Fourth of July commemorates what event?

- The end of the war the firing of the first shot the adoption of the Declaration of Independence

EXTRA CREDIT: Can you name all of the original thirteen colonies?

AMERICAN HISTORY QUIZ: ANSWER KEY

1. C (George Washington)
2. B (John Hancock)
3. C (Thomas Jefferson)
4. A (John Paul Jones)
5. C (New York)
6. A (Paris, France)
7. B (It cracked as it was being rung)
8. B (Francis Scott Key)
9. A (Nathan Hale)
10. B (Patrick Henry)
11. A (Thomas Paine)
12. B (1781)
13. C (the adoption of the Declaration of Independence)

EXTRA CREDIT:

1. Massachusetts
2. New Hampshire
3. Rhode Island
4. Connecticut
5. New York
6. New Jersey
7. Pennsylvania
8. Delaware
9. Maryland
10. Virginia
11. North Carolina
12. South Carolina
13. Georgia

How Did You Do?

If you answered all 13 questions correctly, you are a true patriot!

If you answered 10-12 questions correctly, your forefathers would be proud.

If you answered 6-9 questions correctly, you may want to take a refresher course in American History.

If you answered 1-5 questions correctly, you probably slept through your American History class.

If you answered 0 questions correctly, you must be from another country!