

Fourth of July Quiz 2019

1) What happened on July 4, 1776?

- A) The Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence
- B) The Declaration of Independence was signed
- C) The Declaration of Independence was delivered to King George III
- D) The Continental Congress voted in favor of independence from England

Answer: A. July 4, 1776 was the day the [Continental Congress adopted](#) the Declaration of Independence. The Continental Congress voted for independence two days earlier.

2) Where did the delegates to the Continental Congress meet on July 4, 1776?

- A) Philadelphia State House
- B) Thomas Jefferson's estate at Monticello
- C) Boston's Old State House
- D) New York City's Customs House

Answer: A. The Continental Congress met at what was then the Pennsylvania State House and what is known today as [Independence Hall](#).

3) Which colony was the first to declare itself independent of Great Britain?

- A) Connecticut
- B) Massachusetts
- C) Rhode Island
- D) Vermont

Answer: C. Rhode Island voted on May 4, 1776 to [declare itself independent](#) of Great Britain.

4) Which colony directed its delegation to the Continental Congress to introduce a resolution "to declare the United Colonies free and independent States, absolved from all allegiance to, or dependence upon, the Crown or Parliament of Great Britain"?

- A) Massachusetts
- B) New York
- C) Pennsylvania
- D) Virginia

Answer: D. The Virginia Convention instructed its delegation to propose an independence resolution. On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia [introduced the resolution](#), which John Adams of Massachusetts seconded.

5) Which colony instructed its delegates to vote in favor of independence only after the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence?

- A) Georgia
- B) New York
- C) North Carolina
- D) South Carolina

Answer: B. By the end of June 1776, every colony but New York had instructed its delegation to vote for independence. New York did not authorize a vote for independence [until a week after](#) the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

6) Who wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence?

- A) John Adams
- B) Benjamin Franklin
- C) James Madison
- D) Thomas Jefferson

Answer: D. Thomas Jefferson [wrote the first draft](#) of the Declaration of Independence.

7) Who has the largest signature on the Declaration of Independence?

- A) John Adams
- B) Benjamin Franklin
- C) John Hancock
- D) Thomas Jefferson

Answer: C. John Hancock, [the president of the Continental Congress](#), has the largest signature on the Declaration of Independence. The oft-told story that Hancock wrote his name large enough so that King George could read it without his glasses is delightful, but it's not true.

8) The Declaration of Independence had how many signers?

- A) Twenty-three
- B) Forty
- C) Fifty-six

D) Seventy-six

Answer: C. The Declaration of Independence has [fifty-six signers](#).

- 9) How many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence went on to become president?
- A) Zero
 - B) Two
 - B) Four
 - C) Seven

Answer: B. [Two](#). John Adams was the second president and Thomas Jefferson was the third president. Adams and Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826.

- 10) Why did the Continental Congress issue the Olive Branch Petition?
- A) To try to avoid war with Great Britain
 - B) To solicit military aid from the king of France
 - C) To persuade Canada not to support England in the war against the colonies
 - D) To propose terms to Great Britain for ending the American Revolutionary War

Answer: A. The [Olive Branch Petition](#) was the Continental Congress's attempt to avoid war with Great Britain. It was approved on July 5, 1775. King George III rejected the petition, saying the colonies were in "open and avowed rebellion."

- 11) What did Thomas Jefferson call the Declaration of Independence shortly before his death?
- A) "A document which will live in infamy."
 - B) "An expression of the American mind."
 - C) "An effort to create a more perfect Union."
 - D) "An opportunity to begin the world over again."

Answer: B. In 1825, one year before he died, Jefferson [said](#) that the Declaration of Independence was intended to be "an expression of the American mind."

- 12) Which president held the first Fourth of July celebration at the White House?
- A) John Adams
 - B) Thomas Jefferson
 - C) James Madison
 - D) Andrew Jackson

Answer B: In 1801, Thomas Jefferson [held the first White House Fourth of July celebration](#).

13) How is the One World Trade Center in New York connected to the Declaration of Independence?

- A) A signed copy of the Declaration of Independence is mounted in the building's lobby
- B) It is built on the site where the Declaration of Independence was read to the citizens of New York for the first time
- C) It is the home to the memorial to the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence.
- D) The building is 1,776 feet tall to honor American independence

Answer D: One World Trade Center, also known as Freedom Tower, is [1,776 feet high](#) to mark the year the United States declared its independence from Great Britain