

Family Trivia Night

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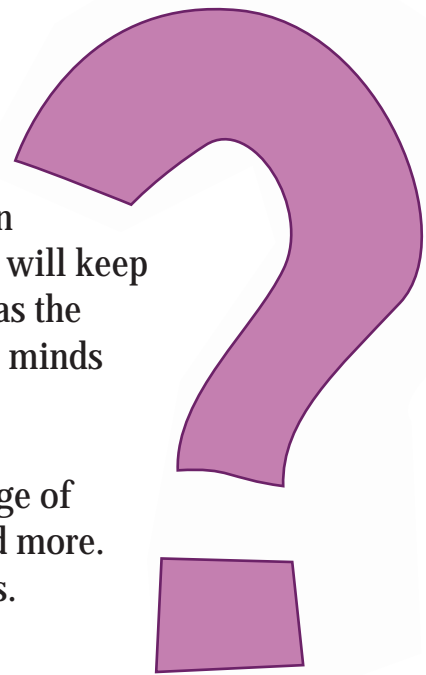


Brain-Busting Quizzes for
Independence Day

Family Trivia Packet

Can't agree on a film for family movie night? Stuck in the house on a rainy day? Looking for an activity that will keep your kids entertained on a long car ride? Infoplease has the perfect remedy! Challenge your kids to a battle of the minds with Infoplease's printable Family Trivia Packets.

Each packet includes several quizzes that cover a range of topics, such as history, entertainment, geography, and more. This packet is geared toward middle-school aged kids.



Tips

If your family tends to be competitive, you can break up into teams or go head-to-head and keep score. We've provided a hint for each quiz question. The opposing player or team should read each question aloud, and the person or a team member taking the quiz should circle a., b., or c. on the answer sheet.

If you correctly answer a question without the help of a hint, you receive 10 points. Earn five points for a correct answer with a hint. No points are awarded for a wrong answer. Tally your points for each quiz, then add up the total number of points for all the quizzes. Or, create your own scoring system. Just have fun and maybe learn a thing or two.

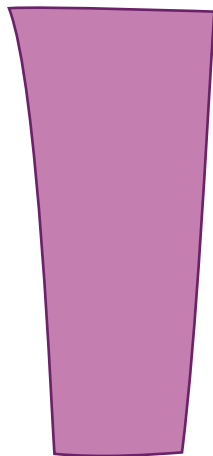


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Name That Place Quiz

1. This national park covers 270 square miles, and 95% of it is underwater. Divers and snorkelers explore its shipwrecks and a bright coral reef, home to reef lobsters. Name the park.
- a. Cape Cod National Seashore
 - b. Channel Islands National Park and Marine Sanctuary
 - c. Biscayne National Park

Hint: This park is located in the continental United States.

2. This state and river share a name, which comes from an Indian word meaning “Father of Waters.”
- a. Missouri
 - b. Mississippi
 - c. Connecticut

Hint: This area was first explored for Spain by Hernando de Soto, who discovered the river in 1540.

3. The oldest rock in the world, the Granitic Gneiss, was found in what state?
- a. Minnesota
 - b. Georgia
 - c. Alaska

Hint: This state’s motto is “L’etoile du Nord,” meaning “the star of the north” in French.

4. San Francisco is the home of a famous bridge, the Golden Gate. What kind of bridge is it?
- a. arch
 - b. suspension
 - c. truss

Hint: The Brooklyn Bridge is another example of this type of bridge.

5. If you visit the National Mall, where are you?
- a. Minneapolis, Minn.
 - b. New York City, N.Y.
 - c. Washington, D.C.

Hint: The definition of this type of mall is, “a usually public area often set with shade trees and designed as a promenade or as a pedestrian walk.”

6. At certain times of the year Cadillac Mountain is the first place in the U.S. to see sunrise. In what national park is the mountain located?
- a. Acadia National Park, Maine
 - b. Olympic National Park, Wash.
 - c. Yosemite National Park, Calif.

Hint: Hikers here will see coastlines dotted with historic lighthouses, discover glaciers and lakes, and ascend granite peaks.

7. Where should you go to read President Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, which is carved in the walls of the Lincoln Memorial?
- a. Gettysburg, Penn.
 - b. Washington, D.C.
 - c. Philadelphia, Penn.

Hint: The Lincoln Memorial is one of many landmarks you’ll see here.



Name That Place Quiz

8. Spanning 2,219,791 acres of land in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho, this park was established in 1872 to preserve a wide range of wildlife, including grizzly bears, wolves, bison, and elk, and to protect a collection of extraordinary geysers and hot springs. Name this park.

- a. Yosemite
- b. Yellowstone
- c. Yarmouth

Hint: Old Faithful lives here.

9. Where does the Liberty Bell hang?

- a. Philadelphia
- b. Boston
- c. Virginia

Hint: The bell was rung on July 8, 1776, for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

10. Known as the “Salamander Capital of the World,” this national park is home to at least 30 different species of salamanders! But most people come to these forests straddling the border between North Carolina and Tennessee to get a glimpse of one of the park’s 1,500 bears. Name this park.

- a. Rocky Mountain National Park
- b. Mount Rainier National Park
- c. Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Hint: This national park is part of the Appalachian Trail.

11. The 555-foot-tall Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., is an example of which of the following types of structures?

- a. pyramid
- b. geodesic dome
- c. obelisk

Hint: In ancient times, these structures were thought to symbolize the sun god Ra.

12. If you are standing in front of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, what are you looking at?

- a. the Capitol building
- b. the Metropolitan Museum of Art
- c. the White House

Hint: This building has 35 bathrooms.

13. This museum features a 94-foot-long model of a blue whale and the Hayden Planetarium:

- a. Museum of Science, Boston
- b. National Air and Space Museum, Washington, D. C.
- c. American Museum of Natural History, New York City

Hint: This museum is located in the same city as the Met.

14. Snap, crackle, pop! Name the cereal capital of the world:

- a. Kellogg, Minn.
- b. Battle Creek, Michigan
- c. General Mills, Idaho

Hint: This state borders four of the five Great Lakes.

15. Name the northernmost point of the 50 states.

- a. Estcourt Station, Maine
- b. Browning, Mont.
- c. Point Barrow, Alaska

Hint: The answer would be different if the question was asked in 1958.





Name That Place Quiz

Answer Sheet

- 1. a. Cape Cod National Seashore
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c. Biscayne National Park
- 2. a. Missouri
b. Mississippi
c. Connecticut
- 3. a. Minnesota
b. Georgia
c. Alaska
- 4. a. arch
b. suspension
c. truss
- 5. a. Minneapolis, Minn.
b. New York City, N.Y.
c. Washington, D.C.
- 6. a. Acadia National Park, Maine
b. Olympic National Park, Wash.
c. Yosemite National Park, Calif.
- 7. a. Gettysburg, Penn.
b. Washington, D.C.
c. Philadelphia, Penn.
- 8. a. Yosemite
b. Yellowstone
c. Yarmouth
- 9. a. Philadelphia
b. Boston
c. Virginia
- 10. a. Rocky Mountain National Park
b. Mount Rainier National Park
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- 11. a. pyramid
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b. the Metropolitan Museum of Art
c. the White House
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c. American Museum of Natural History, New York City
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b. Battle Creek, Michigan
c. General Mills, Idaho
- 15. a. Estcourt Station, Maine
b. Browning, Mont.
c. Point Barrow, Alaska

Total Points: _____



Name That Place Quiz

Answer Key

1. **c. Biscayne National Park.** The National Park Service calls Biscayne National Park a “watery wonderland.” This park in eastern Florida lies within sight of downtown Miami, yet is worlds away, protecting a rare combination of aquamarine waters, emerald islands, and fish-bejeweled coral reefs.
2. **b. Mississippi.** While the Missouri River is longer than the Mississippi River, the Missouri is considered a tributary of the mighty Mississippi. Cotton and rice are important crops in the lower Mississippi Valley; sugarcane is raised in the delta.
3. **a. Minnesota.** The Minnesota River Valley is the site of some of the oldest exposed rock in the world. Geologists estimate the Granitic Gneiss located here was formed 3.8 billion years ago.
4. **b. suspension.** The 1.2-mile-long suspension bridge, which was completed in 1933, connects San Francisco and Marin County.
5. **c. Washington, D.C.** The National Mall is a 146-acre stretch of lawn that extends from the Potomac River to the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. The area hosts political rallies, festivals, and other events.
6. **a. Acadia National Park, Maine.** Cadillac Mountain—the tallest mountain on the U.S. Atlantic Coast—is part of Acadia, a national park in southeastern Maine that is almost completely surrounded by sea. Acadia National Park comprises more than 47,000 acres of land.
7. **b. Washington, D.C.** While you can certainly read the Gettysburg Address at the Gettysburg National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Penn., the Lincoln Memorial is located in our nation’s capital, Washington, D.C.
8. **b. Yellowstone.** Before the National Park Service was established in 1916, the U.S. Army was in charge of protecting Yellowstone, America’s first national park.
9. **a. Philadelphia.** The bell, which weighs 2,000 pounds, was cast in England in 1752 for the Pennsylvania Statehouse (now named Independence Hall) in Philadelphia.
10. **c. Great Smoky Mountains National Park.** In 1926, President Calvin Coolidge established the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to preserve Appalachian history and its resources. The mountains are named for the smoke-like haze that envelops the park’s more than 25 peaks that rise over 6,000 feet.
11. **c. obelisk.** An obelisk is a four-sided structure, usually built of stone, which tapers from the bottom up.
12. **c. the White House.** The British burned this 132-room mansion in 1814. As it stands today, the White House has 412 doors, 147 windows, 28 fireplaces, 8 staircases, and 3 elevators.



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13. **c. American Museum of Natural History, New York City.** The Museum of Science in Boston also has a planetarium named after Charles Hayden, but the American Museum of Natural History on New York City's Upper West Side has both a larger planetarium and a life-sized blue whale.

14. **b. Battle Creek, Michigan.** Today you can visit Kellogg's Cereal City USA, an interactive museum in Battle Creek that pays tribute to cereal and shows its impact on our culture. Visitors can observe a re-creation of a cereal production line, meet their favorite Kellogg's cereal-box celebrities, and buy a personalized box of cereal with their picture on it.

15. **c. Point Barrow, Alaska.** The location has been home to Native Inupiat Eskimo people for more than 1,000 years under the name Ukpeagvik or "place where snowy owls are hunted."





Patriotic Entertainment Quiz

1. The following lyrics are part of the refrain of which patriotic tune?
“And I’m proud to be an American
Where at least I know I’m free
And I won’t forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me...”

- a. “God Bless the USA”
- b. “God Bless America”
- c. “Hats Off to the Red, White, and Blue”

Hint: Lee Greenwood recorded this hit in 1994.

2. In the movie *My Dog Skip*, the main character, 8-year-old Willie Morris, finds an unlikely friend in his neighbor Dink Jenkins, a former high school sports legend. Dink leaves Yazoo, Mississippi, to fight in which war?

- a. World War II
- b. Vietnam
- c. The Gulf War

Hint: In one of their many adventures, Willie and his dog, Skip, encounter a group of moonshiners.

3. America’s national anthem is:
a. “God Bless America”
b. “America (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)”
c. “Star-Spangled Banner”

Hint: “O say can you see by the dawn’s early light.”

4. The following line is one of the most memorable from which movie, “My momma always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get”?

- a. *Dave*
- b. *Forrest Gump*
- c. *Rocky*

Hint: Actor Tom Hanks played the starring role.

5. This song, written and recorded by Woody Guthrie, puts to music a walk along our country’s highways, valleys, deserts, and wheat fields. Name the tune.

- a. “America the Beautiful”
- b. “What a Wonderful World”
- c. “This Land Is Your Land”

Hint: Bruce Springsteen and Pete Seeger sang a slightly modified version of this song at President Obama’s inauguration celebration in 2009.

6. This 2004 film starring Nicolas Cage showcases historic locations, from Boston’s North Church to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Name this adventure movie.

- a. *National Treasure*
- b. *Raiders of the Lost Ark*
- c. *Guarding Tess*

Hint: The dollar in your pocket may hold the clue.

7. This song was popular with American troops during the Revolutionary War. Here is a part of its famous refrain: “Stuck a feather in his cap, and called it macaroni.” Name the song.

- a. “When the Saints Go Marching In”
- b. “Yankee Doodle”
- c. “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”

Hint: This song is Connecticut’s state anthem.



Patriotic Entertainment Quiz

8. In this movie about a baseball team assembled during World War II, the manager says, "There's no crying in baseball!" Name the movie.

- a. *Bad News Bears*
- b. *A League of Their Own*
- c. *Field of Dreams*

Hint: The fictional team featured in the movie belonged to the AAGPBL, a real-life organization.

9. How many words are in the Pledge of Allegiance?

- a. 31
- b. 22
- c. 29

Hint: The Pledge we say today has nine more words than the original version.

10. We've all heard of substitute teachers, but substitute president? In this 1993 movie, a look-alike temp agency owner played by Kevin Kline fills in for the president of the United States—a temporary gig that looks like it might become permanent. Name the movie.

- a. *The American President*
- b. *Dave*
- c. *The Phantom President*

Hint: The "president" falls in love with the real first lady!

11. Which song, written by Katharine Lee Bates, is often confused with our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner"?

- a. "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
- b. "God Bless America"
- c. "America the Beautiful"

Hint: Bates wrote the lyrics to this song after an inspirational trip to the top of Pike's Peak in Colorado in 1893.

12. President John F. Kennedy's 1961 call to action spurred great advancements in our space program and launched the Space Race between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. The 1995 film *Apollo 13* tells the story of what space event?

- a. an aborted Moon mission
- b. fire in the space capsule
- c. first steps on the Moon

Hint: The Apollo 13 mission took place in 1970.

13. This song celebrates our national pastime. Name that tune.

- a. "Eye of the Tiger"
- b. "Sweet Caroline"
- c. "Take Me out to the Ballgame"

Hint: This song probably helped to boost sales of Cracker Jacks.

14. This 1997 anti-terrorist movie is set in the sky, with a fictitious President Marshall turning from a hostage into a hero. Name the film.

- a. *Top Gun*
- b. *Air Force One*
- c. *Airplane!*

Hint: This movie is not a comedy.

15. This haunting and eloquent military tune originated as a signal to mark the end of the day, and is used today at funerals, wreath-laying services, and memorials. What are these 24 notes called?

- a. "Taps"
- b. "Call to the Post"
- c. "Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder"

Hint: The tune is played on a bugle.





Patriotic Entertainment Quiz

Answer Sheet

- 1. a. "God Bless the USA"
b. "God Bless America"
c. "Hats Off to the Red, White, and Blue"
- 2. a. World War II
b. Vietnam
c. The Gulf War
- 3. a. "God Bless America"
b. "America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)"
c. "Star-Spangled Banner"
- 4. a. *Dave*
b. *Forrest Gump*
c. *Rocky*
- 5. a. "America the Beautiful"
b. "What a Wonderful World"
c. "This Land Is Your Land"
- 6. a. *National Treasure*
b. *Raiders of the Lost Ark*
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- 7. a. "When the Saints Go Marching In"
b. "Yankee Doodle"
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b. *A League of Their Own*
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Total Points: _____



Patriotic Entertainment Quiz

Answer Key

1. **a. “God Bless the USA.”** The refrain of “God Bless the USA” continues:
“And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today,
‘Cause there ain’t no doubt I love this land,
God bless the USA.”
2. **a. World War II.** Frankie Muniz played Willie in the film. His gruff father, played by Kevin Bacon, helps Dink deal with war’s many scars when he returns home from battle.
3. **c. “Star-Spangled Banner.”** The song officially became our national anthem by an act of Congress in 1931.
4. **b. Forrest Gump.** This inspirational movie follows a simple man named Forrest Gump from the rural South to the jungles of Vietnam to the hurricane-riddled Gulf Coast. The movie won six Academy Awards.
5. **c. “This Land Is Your Land.”** Woody Guthrie wrote “This Land Is Your Land” as a political song in 1940. He recorded it in 1944. Many artists since have recorded slightly altered versions of the song.
6. **a. National Treasure.** With the name Benjamin Franklin Gates, Cage’s character has big shoes to fill! He also visits the original Constitution and the Declaration of Independence in his search for a hidden cache of gold.
7. **b. “Yankee Doodle.”** In pre-Revolutionary America, “macaroni” was a fancy, or “dandy,” style of dress. The song was originally used by the British to mock the poorly dressed rebels (Yankees), and the rebel, “doodles,” quickly adopted the song as an anthem of pride.
8. **b. A League of Their Own.** The real-life All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL) took to the diamond in 1943 to continue America’s favorite past time while the men were fighting in World War II. In this 1992 movie, Geena Davis, Rosie O’Donell, and Madonna are part of the Rockford Peaches, an all-girls team. Tom Hanks plays the manager, Jimmy Dugan.
9. **a. 31.** The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by Francis Bellamy. He wrote a pledge that could be used by any country, so our pledge was personalized with six words in 1923: “of the United States of America,” and with two more in 1954: “under God.”
10. **b. Dave.** Kevin Kline plays Dave Kovic, an average guy hired to pretend to be president. When the real president has a heart attack, Kovic finds himself assuming more responsibility and actually enjoying himself. Watch the movie to find out what happens!
11. **c. “America the Beautiful.”** A version of “America the Beautiful” performed by top country music performers Trace Adkins, Billy Dean, Vince Gill, Carolyn Dawn Johnson, Toby Keith, Brenda Lee, Lonestar, Martina McBride, Jamie O’Neal, Kenny Rogers and Keith Urban hit the charts following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.



Patriotic Entertainment Quiz

Answer Key

12. **a. an aborted Moon mission.** In *Apollo 13*, Ron Howard recreated the drama of the aborted 1970 Apollo 13 Moon mission with nail-biting detail and spectacular visual integrity. It was Apollo 1 (1967) that experienced a fatal fire, and Apollo 11 (1969) that witnessed Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon.

13. **c. "Take Me out to the Ballgame."** Traditionally played during baseball's seventh-inning stretch, "Take Me out to the Ballgame" is the unofficial anthem of baseball. The lyrics were written in 1908 by a vaudeville performer named Jack Norworth, and were set to the music of Albert Von Tilzer.

14. **b. *Air Force One*.** Harrison Ford plays the president who is taken hostage by terrorists from Kazakhstan. He seems to escape from Air Force One in an emergency capsule, but he remains on board.

15. **a. "Taps."** The first documented use of "Taps" was at a funeral was during the Civil War. A captain ordered that the call be played for the burial of a cannoneer killed in action. Since the enemy was close, he worried that the traditional three-gun volley would cause a renewal of fighting.





U.S. History Quiz

- 1. What event took place to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence?
 - a. the Liberty Bell was rung
 - b. an effigy of King George III was burned
 - c. the signers of the Declaration of Independence danced in the streets

Hint: The event took place at the Pennsylvania Statehouse (now named Independence Hall).

- 2. Which countries were enemies of the U.S. during World War II?
 - a. Germany, Japan, and the Soviet Union
 - b. Germany, Japan, and Italy
 - c. Germany, Japan, and Turkey

Hint: The enemies were among the Axis powers.

- 3. How many amendments, or changes, are there to the U.S. Constitution?
 - a. 27
 - b. 14
 - c. 33

Hint: The first ten amendments (Bill of Rights) were ratified all at once in 1791. During the 1800's, only four amendments were ratified. Twelve were ratified in the 1900's.

- 4. Who wrote the sonnet, "The New Colossus," which is engraved on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty?
 - a. Emily Dickinson
 - b. Anne Bradstreet
 - c. Emma Lazarus

Hint: She grew up in New York.

- 5. Who was the first woman to run for vice president on a major party ticket?
 - a. Sarah Palin
 - b. Geraldine Ferraro
 - c. Patsy Mink

Hint: She is a Democrat.

- 6. The first official U.S. flag, adopted in 1777, had what component(s) on it?
 - a. Thirteen stars and thirteen stripes
 - b. Thirteen stripes and the words "Don't Tread on Me"
 - c. A British Union Jack in the upper left corner

Hint: The flag represented the number of U.S. colonies at the time it was adopted.

- 7. Who was the first president to be inaugurated on January 20th?
 - a. George Washington
 - b. Franklin Roosevelt
 - c. Herbert Hoover

Hint: The 20th Amendment, ratified in 1933, states that the president-elect will be inaugurated on January 20.



U.S. History Quiz

8. How many representatives are there in the House of Representatives?

- a. 100
- b. 50
- c. 435

Hint: There are a total 535 members of Congress.

9. Which two U.S. presidents were impeached?

- a. Bill Clinton and William Taft
- b. Richard Nixon and Andrew Johnson
- c. Bill Clinton and Andrew Johnson

Hint: Neither one was removed from office.

10. What special group advises the President of the United States?

- a. The Cabinet
- b. The Electoral College
- c. The Executive Branch

Hint: George Washington organized the first presidential advisory group, which included the heads of the three executive departments (State, Treasury, and War) and the attorney general.

11. How long is the term of Supreme Court justices?

- a. 20 years
- b. life
- c. until he or she reaches age 75

Hint: Justice John Paul Stevens announced his retirement in April 2010, just days shy of his 90th birthday.

12. Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death?"

- a. John Hancock
- b. Patrick Henry
- c. Samuel Adams

Hint: This patriot hailed from Virginia.

13. Sacagawea, the only woman guide and interpreter on Lewis and Clark's expedition, was a member of what Indian tribe?

- a. Cherokee
- b. Shoshone
- c. Apache

Hint: The language of this tribe is based on Uto-Aztecan.

14. Which battle produced the bloodiest day of the Civil War?

- a. Antietam
- b. Gettysburg
- c. Fredericksburg

Hint: The result of this battle was "inconclusive."

15. What is the symbol of the Republican Party?

- a. Donkey
- b. Elephant
- c. Eagle

Hint: Republicans say their symbol represents strength and dignity.





U.S. History Quiz

Answer Sheet

1.
 - a. the Liberty Bell was rung
 - b. an effigy of King George III was burned
 - c. the signers of the Declaration of Independence danced in the streets
2.
 - a. Germany, Japan, and the Soviet Union
 - b. Germany, Japan, and Italy
 - c. Germany, Japan, and Turkey
3.
 - a. 27
 - b. 14
 - c. 33
4.
 - a. Emily Dickinson
 - b. Anne Bradstreet
 - c. Emma Lazarus
5.
 - a. Sarah Palin
 - b. Geraldine Ferraro
 - c. Patsy Mink
6.
 - a. Thirteen stars and thirteen stripes
 - b. Thirteen stripes and the words "Don't Tread on Me"
 - c. A British Union Jack in the upper left corner
7.
 - a. George Washington
 - b. Franklin Roosevelt
 - c. Herbert Hoover
8.
 - a. 100
 - b. 50
 - c. 435
9.
 - a. Bill Clinton and William Taft
 - b. Richard Nixon and Andrew Johnson
 - c. Bill Clinton and Andrew Johnson
10.
 - a. The Cabinet
 - b. The Electoral College
 - c. The Executive Branch
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 - b. life
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12.
 - a. John Hancock
 - b. Patrick Henry
 - c. Samuel Adams
13.
 - a. Cherokee
 - b. Shoshone
 - c. Apache
14.
 - a. Antietam
 - b. Gettysburg
 - c. Fredericksburg
15.
 - a. Donkey
 - b. Elephant
 - c. Eagle

Total Points: _____



U.S. History Quiz

Answer Key

1. **a. the Liberty Bell was rung.** The bell was rung on July 8, 1776, to mark the milestone event.
2. **b. Germany, Japan, and Italy.** The U.S. entered WWII in 1941, after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor.
3. **a. 27.** The 27th Amendment concerning Congressional raises and was ratified in 1992.
4. **c. Emma Lazarus.** Lazarus, an American poet known for her powerful poems about Judaism, wrote “The New Colossus” in 1883.
5. **b. Geraldine Ferraro.** Ferraro, a U.S. Representative from New York, was Walter Mondale’s running mate on the Democratic ticket in 1984. They lost to incumbent President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George H. W. Bush.
6. **a. Thirteen stars and thirteen stripes.** Although earlier flags featured a British Union Jack or the motto “Don’t Tread on Me,” the first flag approved by the Continental Congress had 13 stars on a field of blue and 13 stripes.
7. **b. Franklin Roosevelt.** Roosevelt was inaugurated to a second term on January 20, 1937.
8. **c. 435.** There are 435 representatives in the U.S. Congress, apportioned among the states according to their populations. Their terms are two years long.
9. **c. Bill Clinton and Andrew Johnson.** Johnson was impeached in 1867 for violating the Tenure of Office Act, and Clinton in 1998 for grand jury perjury and obstruction of justice, charges related to his relationship with Monica Lewinsky. The Senate acquitted both men.
10. **a. The Cabinet.** The establishment of the Department of Homeland Security in 2002 brought the number of Cabinet members to 15.
11. **b. life.** The President appoints justices to the Supreme Court, the highest court of the United States, and the Senate must confirm them.
12. **b. Patrick Henry.** During a meeting of the legislature in Richmond in March 1775, Patrick Henry urged his fellow Virginians to arm in self defense, closing his plea with the unforgettable sentence: “I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.”
13. **b. Shoshone.** Sacagawea was the wife of Toussaint Charbonneau, an interpreter and guide. Their son, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, was born on February 11, 1805—less than three months after they joined the Corps of Discovery.
14. **a. Antietam.** With more than 23,000 casualties in a single day, Sept. 17, 1862, Antietam holds the dubious honor of the bloodiest day of the Civil War. Gettysburg suffered twice as many casualties, but they were spread out over the course of many skirmishes in June and July 1863.
15. **b. Elephant.** Cartoonist Thomas Nast is credited with making the symbols of the two major political parties, the donkey and the elephant, famous. The Democrats claim that the donkey, their symbol, is smart and brave.





Who Am I? Quiz

1. I was the first person to fly nonstop over the Atlantic Ocean by myself. Who am I?
- a. Amelia Earhart
 - b. Orville Wright
 - c. Charles Lindbergh

Hint: This aviator was named *TIME* magazine's very first Man of the Year (now he would be called Person of the Year) in 1927.

2. I was a cool friend to have—at age 11, I invented popsicles! Who am I?
- a. Danny Hood
 - b. Frank Epperson
 - c. Mark Breyer

Hint: This accidental inventor originally named his invention after himself, but decided “popsicles” sounded better.

3. I wrote what is considered the first mystery story. Who am I?
- a. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
 - b. Edgar Allan Poe
 - c. Agatha Christie

Hint: The author called the story, “The Murders in the Rue Morgue.”

4. I was the first American in space, flying aboard the Freedom 7. Who am I?
- a. Alan Shepard, Jr.
 - b. Neil Armstrong
 - c. Buzz Aldrin

Hint: This astronaut was one of the original seven chosen by NASA for its Mercury program.

5. In 2003, at the age of 17, I became the first athlete ever to compete and medal in both the Summer and Winter X Games in two different sports. Who am I?
- a. Shaun Palmer
 - b. Luke Mitrani
 - c. Shaun White

Hint: This athlete is also known for his crazy ‘do.

6. I am a famous author of children’s books. I have been awarded both a Pulitzer Prize and an Academy Award. Actors such as Mike Myers and Jim Carrey have helped give my characters voice. Who am I?
- a. J. K. Rowling
 - b. Theodore Geisel
 - c. E. B. White

Hint: The name on this author’s books is a pseudonym, or pen name.

7. In 1975, I accidentally created a new sound by trying to hold a spinning record in place. The sound became a major element of modern deejaying. Who am I?
- a. DJ Grand Wizard Theodore
 - b. DJ Afrika Bambaataa
 - c. Ice-T

Hint: He was an apprentice under Grandmaster Flash.



Who Am I? Quiz

8. After spending time in Labrador on a fur-trading expedition, I returned to the United States intrigued and inspired by cold. I perfected the art of freezing foods. Who am I?

- a. Hiram Banquet
- b. Davy Crockett
- c. Clarence Birdseye

Hint: This inventor was one of the founders of the General Foods company in 1924.

9. I was described as being “First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen.” Who am I?

- a. George Washington
- b. Woodrow Wilson
- c. Abraham Lincoln

Hint: This leader was also our nation’s first president.

10. Not only did I give the world an inexpensive yet delicious chocolate bar, but I also created a whole town for my workers (including an amusement park!) and a home for orphans. Who am I?

- a. Elizabeth Cadbury
- b. Milton Hershey
- c. Lady Godiva

Hint: You can visit this philanthropist’s amusement park, have a tour of the town he established, and even sample some of his chocolate—in Pennsylvania.

11. I am one of the most famous New York Yankees in baseball history. I started playing shortstop for the team in 1996, and became team captain in 2003. Who am I?

- a. Derek Jeter
- b. Alex Rodriguez
- c. Ramiro Pena

Hint: This shortstop bats right-handed, throws right-handed, and wears uniform number 2.

12. A celebrated portrait photographer, I became known for my images of rock and roll personalities, and later, celebrities. Who am I?

- a. Georgia O’Keefe
- b. Anne Geddes
- c. Annie Leibovitz

Hint: This artist often provokes controversy with her images, such as the pictures she took of teen star Miley Cyrus in 2008.

13. I could be called the first truly American president, being the first president elected who was not born a British citizen. Who am I?

- a. John Quincy Adams
- b. Martin Van Buren
- c. James Madison

Hint: This person was our country’s eighth president.

14. One of the richest men in the world, I have so much money that I could buy and drive a new car every day for the rest of my life, and still have plenty of money left over for airplanes, yachts, and just about anything else I might want. Who am I?

- a. Warren Buffett
- b. Bill Gates
- c. Carlos Slim Helu

Hint: This billionaire made his fortune in computers.

15. I’m widely credited with inventing Mother’s Day. I worked tirelessly to promote peace, motherhood, and unity after witnessing the horrific carnage of the Civil War. Who am I?

- a. Clara Barton
- b. Georgia Hallmark
- c. Julia Ward Howe

Hint: This woman wrote the words to “Battle Hymn of the Republic” as she watched Union troops march into battle in 1861.





Who Am I? Quiz

Answer Sheet

- 1. a. Amelia Earhart
b. Orville Wright
c. Charles Lindbergh
- 2. a. Danny Hood
b. Frank Epperson
c. Mark Breyer
- 3. a. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
b. Edgar Allan Poe
c. Agatha Christie
- 4. a. Alan Shepard, Jr.
b. Neil Armstrong
c. Buzz Aldrin
- 5. a. Shaun Palmer
b. Luke Mitrani
c. Shaun White
- 6. a. J. K. Rowling
b. Theodore Geisel
c. E. B. White
- 7. a. DJ Grand Wizard Theodore
b. DJ Afrika Bambaataa
c. Ice-T
- 8. a. Hiram Banquet
b. Davy Crockett
c. Clarence Birdseye
- 9. a. George Washington
b. Woodrow Wilson
c. Abraham Lincoln
- 10. a. Elizabeth Cadbury
b. Milton Hershey
c. Lady Godiva
- 11. a. Derek Jeter
b. Alex Rodriguez
c. Ramiro Pena
- 12. a. Georgia O'Keefe
b. Anne Geddes
c. Annie Leibovitz
- 13. a. John Quincy Adams
b. Martin Van Buren
c. James Madison
- 14. a. Warren Buffett
b. Bill Gates
c. Carlos Slim Helu
- 15. a. Clara Barton
b. Georgia Hallmark
c. Julia Ward Howe

Total Points: _____



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Answer Key

1. **c. Charles Lindbergh.** Lindbergh made the 33 ½-hour, 3,600-mile flight in his Wright-powered Ryan monoplane, *Spirit of St. Louis*. He traveled from Roosevelt Field, N.Y., to Le Bourget Field outside Paris May 20–21, 1927.
2. **b. Frank Epperson.** In 1905, when Frank Epperson was making soda pop, he accidentally left the mixing bucket outside. During the night the mixture froze solid, with the wooden stirring stick standing straight up. Frank started selling Epperson icicles for five cents, later changing the name to popsicles.
3. **b. Edgar Allan Poe.** Edgar Allan Poe was an American poet, short-story writer, and critic born in Boston, Mass. His intense, mysterious, and often macabre tales and poems reflected his personality.
4. **a. Alan Shepard, Jr.** Alan Shepard, Jr. became the first American in space on 5 May 1961, when he went aloft in the Freedom 7 capsule for a 15-minute sub-orbital flight.
5. **c. Shaun White.** Called the “Flying Tomato” because of his flaming red hair, Shaun White is a whirlwind on a snowboard. At the 2010 Winter Olympics, White added a second gold to his collection and debuted a new move: the “Double McTwist 1260”—a move incorporating two front flips and 3½ twists. He renamed it “The Tomahawk.”
6. **b. Theodore Geisel.** “Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you.” This is a very Seussical quote from Theodore Geisel. Millions of fans mourned his passing in 1991, at age 87.
7. **a. DJ Grand Wizard Theodore.** Born Theodore Livingstone in 1962, DJ Grand Wizard, Grand Wizard Theodore, or GrandWizzard Theodore, is famous in the world of hip-hop turn-tablism for inventing and perfecting the scratch and the needle drop. Many of his experiences were included in a 2001 documentary film called *Scratch*.
8. **c. Clarence Birdseye.** By 1949, Birdseye had perfected the anhydrous freezing process, reducing the time to freeze foods from 18 hours to 1 1/2 hours.
9. **a. George Washington.** Sometimes called the father of our country, George Washington was born in 1732, served two terms as president, was commander in chief of the Continental army in the American Revolution, and died in 1799.
10. **b. Milton Hershey.** Hershey’s first foray in the candy business was caramels. He sold his caramel business in 1900 and went on to produce what he called “the great American chocolate bar.”
11. **a. Derek Jeter.** Such was Jeter’s reputation that when Rodriguez joined the Yankees in 2004, Rodriguez moved to third base to allow Jeter to remain at shortstop.
12. **c. Annie Leibovitz.** Leibovitz began her career in 1970, when she first went to work for *Rolling Stone* magazine. She left *Rolling Stone* in 1983 and has been with *Vanity Fair* since.



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Answer Key

13. **b. Martin Van Buren.** Of all our presidents, eight were born British subjects: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, and William Harrison.

14. **b. Bill Gates.** A Harvard College dropout, Bill Gates formed Microsoft Corp. with Paul Allen. Their Windows operating system runs on 80% of the world's computers. Gates also funds the world's largest charity, the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation.

15. **c. Julia Ward Howe.** Mother's Day in the United States originated in 1872 with Julia Ward Howe, a writer, abolitionist, and suffragist. In 1911, President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday.

