



# American History Quiz



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**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

(If you answer all 13 questions correctly, you are a true patriot! If you answer 10-12 questions correctly, your forefathers would be proud. If you answer 6-9 questions correctly, you may want to take a refresher course in American History. If you answer 1-5 questions correctly, you probably slept through your American History class. If you answer 0 questions correctly, you must be from another country!)

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

ANSWERS:

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