



FUN Facts About America!

1. Admitted in 1959 as the 49th state, Alaska is the largest state by area in the U.S. while Rhode Island, the 13th state, is the smallest.
2. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France in 1885 to honor the alliance between the two countries during the American Revolution.
3. The U.S. is the third most populous country in the world after India and China.
4. Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wyoming all have more cows than people.
5. The President of the United States is also called the Head of State and the Commander-in-Chief.
6. Pennsylvania is misspelled "Pensylvania" on the signature section of the Constitution.
7. The capital city of the U.S. is Washington D.C., which stands for District of Columbia.
8. The largest lake in the U.S. is Lake Superior.
9. The longest river in the U.S. is the Missouri River at 2,341 miles long, flowing through seven states.



Answer Key:

X N F K P K Z G Q T U I P Z J L K
 Z Y A N F X B M G R I H M P O Y G
 S T N I E F E Z O E I D B N T V A C
 V R O C O U A L T M F R E E D O M L A S
 F R S H R Q V Z I K S A U P D T E F V C E
 B B G Y K G A M E N D M E N T B Y K B V
 H I L I L M G N M H H G H T D B B W M
 Y I Y B A Y B H I A E N D V O Y F S K Q P
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 C A F C G C O L O N Y B V Q L F L A F C
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- Word Jumble:**
1. Star-Spangled Banner
 2. George Washington
 3. Bill of Rights
 4. Declaration of Independence
 5. Justice for All
 6. Fourth of July
 7. Bald Eagle
 8. Constitution
 9. United States of America

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy and their "Great Law of Peace" inspired the U.S. Founding Fathers as they framed the Constitution. They adopted the concepts, principles and governmental practices of the Iroquois including symbols of the eagle, and a cluster of arrows that appear on the design of the Great Seal of the United States. ¹



DID YOU KNOW?

The colors on the American flag indicate different virtues: red symbolizes valor and bravery, white signifies purity and innocence and blue stands for vigilance, perseverance and justice.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Great Seal of the United States, a national symbol used in official documents, includes a bald eagle, an olive branch, arrows, a flag-like shield, the motto E Pluribus Unum (which translates to "out of many, one") and a constellation of stars.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bill of Rights is the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution. It explains the rights Americans have in our country.

¹ <https://blogs.loc.gov/law/2023/09/the-haudenosaunee-confederacy-and-the-constitution/>

United States National Symbols

★ **Anthem:** "The Star-Spangled Banner"

★ **Motto:** "In God we trust"

★ **Flower:** Rose

★ **Tree:** Oak

★ **Mammal:** North American Bison

★ **Bird:** Bald Eagle



Our American Flag

It is widely believed that Betsy Ross made the first American flag. However, various towns in colonial America have claimed to be the birthplace of our flag.

Before the Declaration of Independence, each colony flew flags of their own design. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution, adopting the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America. Thirteen stripes, alternating red and white, and 13 stars, white in a blue field, represented the new union of the 13 original states.

As the composition of the United States evolved over time, so too has our flag's design. In 1818, Congress decided to retain the flag's original 13 stripes and add new stars to reflect each new state that entered the union. The flag was last changed on July 4, 1960, when Hawaii was incorporated as a state.



Word search

E H H G K C J P K V Q Y C Q L W D H
 Z G C C O L O N Y B V Q L F L A F C
 H D O F X V Z N T T N W D L N S E Z
 A E N D V O Y F S K Q P A Y B H I Y
 V M G N M H H G H T D B B W W I L Y
 V O R E I R V T M D I O J D S N I H
 V C E A M E N D M E N T B Y K G B B
 F R S H R Q V Z I K S A U P D T E F
 L A S F R E E D O M U A L T C O R V
 A C V T B N I D Q Z O E F E I N T S
 G Y V A N F X B M G R I H M P O Y Z
 K L J Z P I U T Q G Z K P J K F N X

Amendment
 Constitution
 Colony
 Democracy
 Washington
 Congress
 Freedom
 Flag
 Liberty

Word Jumble

1. ARST-DLESAPGN NBAREN _____

2. GREOEG GHNWTSOAIN _____

3. LLBIFOSTHRGI _____

4. RDNETOIALCA FO DNIENNPECEED _____

5. IUCEJSTFROLLA _____

6. ROFHUTFOJLYU _____

7. DBLA EGELA _____

8. NCOTTINIOSUT _____

9. IUDTEN ETSSAT FO ARAMCIE _____

America 250 Years and Counting

July 4, 1776 – Continental Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence.

June 14, 1777 – Continental Congress adopts a 13-star, 13-stripe national flag.

1803 – Louisiana Purchase: U.S. purchased over 800,000 square miles from France, doubled in size and fueled westward migration and economic growth.

September 1814 – Francis Scott Key writes the "Star-Spangled Banner" as he sees the flag flying over Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor after a British bombardment.

August 1892 – Francis Bellamy writes the original "Pledge of Allegiance."

1920 – Women's Suffrage and the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote.

July 4, 1960 – The 50th star is added a year after Hawaii becomes the 50th state.

July 1969 – U.S. moon landing, when astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the moon.

2026 – United States of America turns 250 years old.

1789 – George Washington is elected as the first president of the United States

September 17, 1787 – U.S. Constitution is signed and ratified by the original 13 colonies over three years.

1863-1865 – Emancipation Proclamation and the end of slavery in the U.S.

1950s-1960s – Civil Rights Movement

November 2008 – Election of Barack Obama, United States' first Black president.