Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson was an important leader in U.S. history.

He was born in Virginia in 1743.

Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.

He was the third president of the United States.

He was president from 1801 to 1809.

He was president when the United States bought the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803.

Jefferson started the University of Virginia in 1819.

Thomas Jefferson died on July 4, 1826.

Map of the Louisiana Purchase Territory.
Courtesy of the National Archives.

Thomas Jefferson by Rembrandt Peale.
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Thomas Jefferson’s home, Monticello.
The Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence is an important document for Americans.

In the 1700s, the colonists were angry with Great Britain. They said Great Britain did not respect the colonists' rights.

The colonists wanted to be free from Great Britain.

The colonists wanted to declare their independence.

Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence says that “all men are created equal.”

There are three rights in the Declaration of Independence:

- life
- liberty
- pursuit of happiness

The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776.

Americans celebrate Independence Day on July 4th.
War of Independence

Why did the colonists fight the British?

• because of high taxes
• because the British army stayed in the colonists’ houses
• because the colonists did not have self-government

The War of Independence started in 1775.
The colonists declared their independence in 1776.
George Washington was a general during the war.
The colonists won the war in 1783.
After that, the colonies formed the original 13 states.
The 13 Original States

There were 13 original states.

Look at this map of the 13 original states. Write the name of each state.

1. Ne_____ Ham__________
2. Mas__________________
3. Rh_______ Is__________
4. Con__________________
5. Ne________ Yo________
6. Ne_______ Je__________
7. Pen__________________
8. Del__________________
9. Mar__________________
10. Vir__________________
11. No_______ Ca________
12. Sou_______ Ca________
13. Geo__________________
U.S. Symbols—Stars and Stripes

Look at the first American flag.
This flag had ____ stripes. This flag had ____ stars.
Why? The first flag had ___ stripes and ___ stars to represent ___ colonies.

Look at the flag today.
Today the flag has ____ stripes. Each stripe represents ____ colony.
Today the flag has ____ stars. Each star represents ____ state.
The U.S. flag has three colors: _______, _______, and _______.

Word Search

Find these words in the puzzle.
The words are down (↓) or across (→). Circle the words.

Word Bank

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Listen, Repeat, Circle

Listen to your teacher. Repeat the question.
Listen again and repeat again.
Circle the correct answer.

1. George Washington  Thomas Jefferson  Abraham Lincoln
2. free the slaves  vote in an election  declare independence
3. 1776  1787  1803
4. religion and speech  voting and taxes  life and liberty
5. because of taxes  because of the flag  because of Jefferson
6. to represent  to represent  to represent
   50 colonies  50 presidents  50 states
7. Pennsylvania  Louisiana  Puerto Rico
8. June 4  January 1  July 4

Dictation

Listen to your teacher.
Repeat the words.
Write the words.

1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________
Independence Day

Copy these words.

Independence Day
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Da______________________
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Copy this sentence.

We celebrate Independence Day on July 4th.

We ce _______ Ind _________ Day on July 4th.
W_ _______ ____________ D_ ___ J____ 4th.
___ ___________ _______________ ___ __ _____ ______.