

Independence Day, July 4





The day the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress



In 1775, people in New England began fighting the British for their independence. On July 2, 1776, the Congress secretly voted for independence from Great Britain. The Declaration of Independence was first published two days later on July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

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requested at **FIELD PO**
next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. to

COMMITTEE

**S. MOULTON,
S. WARING,
L. BUSH,
N. KNAPP,
A. McDONALD,**

Greenwich June 20, 1825.

States of America

The Company of Mr. *W. F. Rudy & Family*
requested at **FIELD POINT**, on the **FOURTH OF JULY**
next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. to unite in the Celebration of the Day.

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N. BROWN, JUN.
G. LYON,
~~L. G. LYON,~~
S. LYON.

1844

John Brown

My dear John

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I am sure you are doing well and that you are still engaged in your noble work. I am sure you are doing well and that you are still engaged in your noble work. I am sure you are doing well and that you are still engaged in your noble work.

I am, dear John, your sincere friend and admirer.

Yours truly,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Declaration of Independence

The political philosophy of the Declaration was not new; its ideals of individual liberty had already been expressed by John Locke and the Continental philosophers. What Jefferson did was to summarize this philosophy in "self-evident truths".



Some interesting facts



The first description of how Independence Day would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776.



He described "*pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations*" throughout the United States. However, the term "Independence Day" was not used until 1791.



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A night scene of a fireworks display. In the foreground, the silhouettes of two people are visible; the person on the right is holding an American flag. The sky is dark, with several large, bright firework bursts in white and yellow. A prominent firework on the right side of the frame is exploding into a large, bright green and yellow starburst. Other smaller firework bursts are visible in the upper left and center of the frame. In the lower right background, the silhouettes of several other people are visible, watching the display.

The first Independence Day was celebrated on July 8, 1776: Although the Declaration of Independence was approved on July 4, 1776, it was not made public until July 8.

, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, both signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the United States, died on July 4, 1826 - exactly 50 years after the adoption of the declaration.



The signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign on July 4, 1776: The idea of the 56 signers being in the same room at the same time on our day of independence is, unfortunately, a myth. The official signing event took place on Aug. 2, 1776, when 50 men signed the document.





Families often celebrate Independence Day by hosting or attending a picnic or barbecue and take advantage of the day off and, in some years, long weekend to gather with relatives. Decorations (e.g., streamers, balloons, and clothing) are generally colored red, white, and blue, the colors of the American flag






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Some cities have parades with people dressed as the original founding fathers who march to the music of high school bands.



Independence Day fireworks are often accompanied by patriotic songs such as the national anthem "The Star-Spangled Banner", "God Bless America", "America the Beautiful", "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", "This Land Is Your Land", "Stars and Stripes Forever", and, regionally, "Yankee Doodle" in northeastern states and "Dixie" in southern states. Some of the lyrics recall images of the Revolutionary War or the War of 1812







**Wherever Americans are around
the globe they will get together to
celebrate this date...**

