

U.S. History and Symbols

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Circle the correct answer for each question about U.S. history.

1. What does the motto "E pluribus unum" mean?
(A) out of many, one
(B) liberty and justice
(C) land of the free
(D) in God we trust
2. What did the colonists mean by "no taxation without representation"?
(A) everyone should vote for a king
(B) tea should be free
(C) they should not pay taxes without a say in government
(D) ships should not pay to dock
3. What was the Boston Tea Party?
(A) the first Thanksgiving
(B) a famous tea shop
(C) a party for King George
(D) a protest where colonists threw tea into Boston Harbor
4. Which state was the first to join the Union?
(A) Virginia
(B) Delaware
(C) New York
(D) Texas
5. Who was the first African American justice on the Supreme Court?
(A) Thurgood Marshall
(B) Frederick Douglass
(C) Barack Obama
(D) Martin Luther King Jr.
6. Which branch of government carries out the laws?
(A) the judicial branch
(B) the legislative branch
(C) the executive branch
(D) the postal branch
7. Which President is on the penny?
(A) James Madison
(B) Abraham Lincoln
(C) John Adams
(D) George Washington
8. Who helped the Pilgrims learn to grow corn?
(A) Pocahontas
(B) Sacagawea
(C) Sitting Bull
(D) Squanto
9. Who was the first American in space?
(A) Neil Armstrong
(B) John Glenn
(C) Buzz Aldrin
(D) Alan Shepard
10. Which French general helped the Americans in the Revolutionary War?
(A) Napoleon Bonaparte
(B) the Marquis de Lafayette
(C) Louis Pasteur
(D) Charles de Gaulle
11. According to legend, who sewed one of the first American flags?
(A) Betsy Ross
(B) Rosa Parks
(C) Clara Barton
(D) Harriet Tubman
12. Who is called the "Father of the Constitution"?
(A) George Washington
(B) Alexander Hamilton
(C) James Madison
(D) Benjamin Franklin

13. Where does Congress meet?

- (A) the Supreme Court
- (B) the Pentagon
- (C) the Capitol
- (D) the White House

14. Who was the first President to live in the White House?

- (A) James Madison
- (B) George Washington
- (C) Thomas Jefferson
- (D) John Adams

15. How many branches does the US government have?

- (A) three
- (B) five
- (C) two
- (D) ten

16. In which city was the U.S. Declaration of Independence signed?

- (A) New York City
- (B) Philadelphia
- (C) Washington, D.C.
- (D) Boston

17. Who was U.S. President during most of World War II?

- (A) Franklin D. Roosevelt
- (B) Theodore Roosevelt
- (C) Harry Truman
- (D) Abraham Lincoln

18. Which holiday began with the Pilgrims' harvest feast?

- (A) the Fourth of July
- (B) Thanksgiving
- (C) Memorial Day
- (D) Labor Day

19. Which two explorers mapped the western lands of the United States from 1804 to 1806?

- (A) Columbus and Magellan
- (B) Hillary and Norgay
- (C) Lewis and Clark
- (D) Amundsen and Scott

20. Which amendment gave women the right to vote?

- (A) the 1st Amendment
- (B) the 5th Amendment
- (C) the 13th Amendment
- (D) the 19th Amendment

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