

## A Citizenship Quiz for Flag Day

1. On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Flag Resolution.

**When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?** (63)

- a) July 2, 1776
- b) July 4, 1776
- c) June 4, 1777
- d) September 17, 1787

2. The 1777 Flag Resolution said that the U.S. flag should have "thirteen stripes, alternate red and white." **Why does the flag have 13 stripes?** (96)

Because there were 13 original...

- a) colonies
- b) colonists
- c) counties
- d) countries

3. The 1777 Flag Resolution also said that the U.S. flag should have "stars, white in a blue field." **Why does the flag have 50 stars?\*** (97)

Because there is one star for each...

- a) amendment
- b) president
- c) senator
- d) state

4. The 1777 Flag Resolution said that the flag's union of stars represents a "new constellation" (in the sky) that reflects the birth of a new nation (on the earth). **What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?** (52)

- a) the Democratic Party
- b) the President
- c) the Republican Party
- d) the United States

5. Some claim that Betsy Ross sewed the first U.S. flag from a sketch by the (then current) Commander-in-Chief of the military. Others say that Rebecca Young designed the flag based on the family coat of arms, three red stars over three red and white stripes, of the (future) first President. **Who was the first President?\*** (71)

- a) Benjamin Franklin
- b) George Washington
- c) John Adams
- d) Thomas Jefferson

6. In 1784, a U.S. merchant ship carrying a load of ginseng docked in Guangzhou, China. Many people came to see "the ship (from) the further end of the world, bearing a flag 'as beautiful as a flower' (花旗)." **What is the economic system in the U.S,?\*** (11)

- a) Economic capital
- b) International trade
- c) Market economy
- d) Stock market

7. In 1795, the number of stars and stripes was increased from 13 to 15 because Vermont and Kentucky joined the Union. **Name one state that borders Canada.** (92)

- a) Kansas
- b) Kentucky
- c) Vermont
- d) Virginia

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8. A 15-star, 15-stripe garrison flag that still flew after Battle of Baltimore (1814) inspired Francis Scott Key to write "Defence of Fort M'Henry." This poem was set to music and is now the American national anthem. **What is the name of the national anthem?** (98)

- a) Stars and Stripes Forever
- b) The Star Spangled Banner
- c) Yankee Doodle
- d) You're A Grand 'Ole Flag

9. The 30 x 42-foot garrison flag that inspired the national anthem was sewn by a team of women: Mary Pickersgill, her daughter Caroline (13), nieces Eliza (13) and Margaret (15); and an African American indentured servant, Grace Wisher (13). Pickersgill's elderly mother, Rebecca Young, may have also helped. After the battle, the garrison flag was kept by the family of the fort's commander, Lieutenant Colonel George Armistead. Years later, the family donated the flag to the Smithsonian Museum for all to enjoy. **What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?** (55)

- a) help with a campaign
- b) help with a community project
- c) join a civic group
- d) join a paramilitary group

10. On April 4, 1818, a law was passed by Congress that said a new star must be added to the flag when a new state joined the Union, but the number of stripes should be kept to 13 so as to honor the original colonies. **There were 13 original states.**

**Name three.** (64)

- a) Connecticut, Delaware, Florida
- b) Maine, Maryland, New Jersey
- c) New Jersey, New York, Nevada
- d) Rhode Isl., S. Carolina, Virginia

11. In 1861, Oliver Wendell Holmes added a 5<sup>th</sup> verse to the nat'l anthem that referred to a cause of the Civil War: "the flag of her stars . . . unstained by the millions unchained who our birthright have gained." **Name one problem that led to the Civil War.** (74)

- a) Child Labor
- b) Slavery
- c) The Indian Removal Act
- d) Women's Suffrage

12. In 1893, Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, a descendant of Benjamin Franklin, petitioned to have the American flag to be displayed on all Philadelphia's public buildings. Because of her efforts, Pennsylvania became the first state to make Flag Day a legal holiday in 1937. **Name two national U.S. holidays.** (100)

- a) Constitution Day
- b) Independence Day
- c) Patriots' Day
- d) Veterans Day

13. The U.S. flag may add a new star soon: support has been building for Puerto Rico to become the 51st state. **Name [another] U.S. territory.** (91)

- a) American Samoa
- b) Franklin
- c) Jefferson
- d) U.S. Virginia Islands