

DID YOU KNOW!!

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT 4TH OF JULY

1. The first Independence Day celebration took place in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. This was also the day that the Declaration of Independence was first read in public after people were summoned by the ringing of the Liberty Bell.
2. The Declaration of Independence was first presented to Congress on June 28, 1776, after more than a year of trying to appeal the practice of taxation by England without representation in the English Parliament.
3. The flag was adopted on June 14, 1777.
4. Originally, the stars on the flag were arranged in a circle to denote the equality of all the colonies.
5. Thomas Jefferson died on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. So did John Adams who also signed the Declaration.
6. Only John Hancock actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. All the others signed later.
7. Only 2.5 million people lived in the U.S. in 1776, about 425 million live here now.
8. The 4th of July only became a national holiday in 1941.
9. Barbecue is big on Independence Day, with more than 74 million Americans planning one. We eat around 150 million hot dogs and buy around 700 million pounds of chicken.
10. Fireworks are traditional on July 4th, but these were actually invented in China.
11. The U.S. imports about \$3.6 million of American flags each year, most of them from China.

