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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day is celebrated in the United States on July 4th each year. It honors the day in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was adopted. This important document announced that the 13 American colonies were no longer under British rule and would become a free nation.

The Declaration of Independence was mainly written by Thomas Jefferson. It explained why the colonies wanted freedom and listed their complaints against the British government. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress officially approved the document.

Today, Americans celebrate Independence Day with fireworks, parades, picnics, concerts, and family gatherings. The holiday reminds people of the nation's history and the importance of freedom.

Short Answer Questions:

1.) Why is Independence Day important?

2.) What did the Declaration of Independence announce?

3.) Name one way people celebrate Independence Day today.

4.) Who was the main author of the Declaration of Independence?

5.) In what year was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
