



1. America gained its independence on July 2, 1776.
2. When the Continental Congress declared independence from Britain, all 13 colonies voted in favor.
3. The American Revolution was not fought under the same American flag.
4. Our Founding Fathers established America as a democracy.
5. The Founding Fathers wrote the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. The American flag as we know it today was created on July 4, 1960.

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1. True. So why do we celebrate on July 4? It was two days later that Congress accepted the Declaration of Independence document.
2. False. Twelve of the 13 colonies voted on July 2. The colony of New York did not decide to join until July 19.
3. True. Our Founding Fathers did not really consider the flag to be important so the design of the flag varied. A uniform flag was later adopted so that our navy ships could be easily identified when arriving in foreign ports.
4. False. We are a Republic, a form of democracy but not a pure democracy. Our Founding Fathers believed a pure democracy would be extreme and result in the oppression of the minority by the majority.
5. False. The Pledge was written by Francis Bellamy in 1892, more than a century after America's independence.
6. True. In 1818, Congress passed legislation setting the number of stripes on our flag at 13 and requiring that the amount of stars be equal to the number of states. The last star was added in 1960 after Hawaii became a state.