

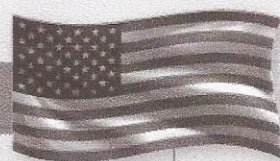
Check it out!

- The US Congress adopted the character *Uncle Sam* as a national symbol in 1961.
- We sometimes call the one-dollar note a *greenback* because the back of the dollar is green.
- The USA bought Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000 in 1867.



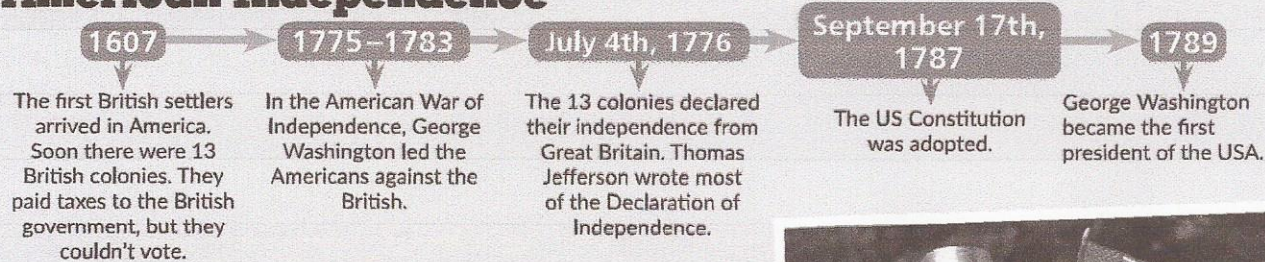
Facts & Figures

The USA



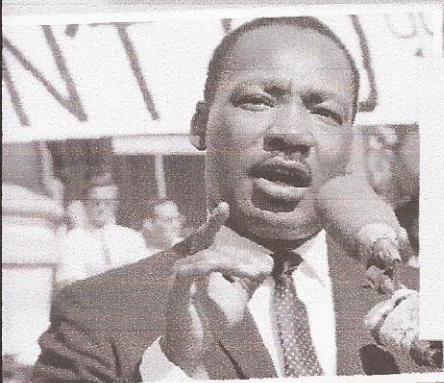
- It costs about 4 cents to produce a one-dollar note.
- There are 50 stars on the US flag – one for each state.
- The lowest point of the USA is in Death Valley, at 86 metres below sea level.
- The highest point of the USA is Mount McKinley, at 6,194 metres above sea level.
- There are more than 14,000 airports in the USA.

American Independence



Celebrating Independence Day

On July 4th, people all over the USA celebrate Independence Day. It is one of the country's biggest celebrations and everybody has a holiday. Every town and city organises parades, fireworks, barbecues and picnics. Sometimes there are concerts, sporting events and other celebrations, at which people sing the national anthem (*The Star-Spangled Banner*).



Martin Luther King Day

Americans celebrate Martin Luther King Day (MLK Day) on the third Monday in January. Dr King was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1929, and became one of the USA's most famous campaigners for civil rights and racial equality. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and was assassinated in 1968. His most famous speech contained the words *I have a dream*.



TEST YOUR MEMORY!

- How many airports are there in the USA?
- Who was the first president of the USA?
- What's the name of the American national anthem?
- How did Martin Luther King die?

WEB QUEST

Send an e-card to somebody to celebrate Independence Day. Go to: www.deepestfeelings.com/holidays/4th_of_july

