

Saturday, July 4th – Independence Day - Morning

Patrick Henry: “It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”

Richard Henry Lee –Proposed this resolution to Congress which was seconded by John Adams. “Resolved, 1) That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved. 2) That it is expedient forthwith to take the most effectual measures for forming foreign Alliances. 3) That a plan of confederation be prepared and transmitted to the respective Colonies for their consideration and approbation.

Song: God Bless America

Land that I Love

Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light
from above.

From the mountain to the prairie
to the ocean white with foam

God bless America

My home sweet home

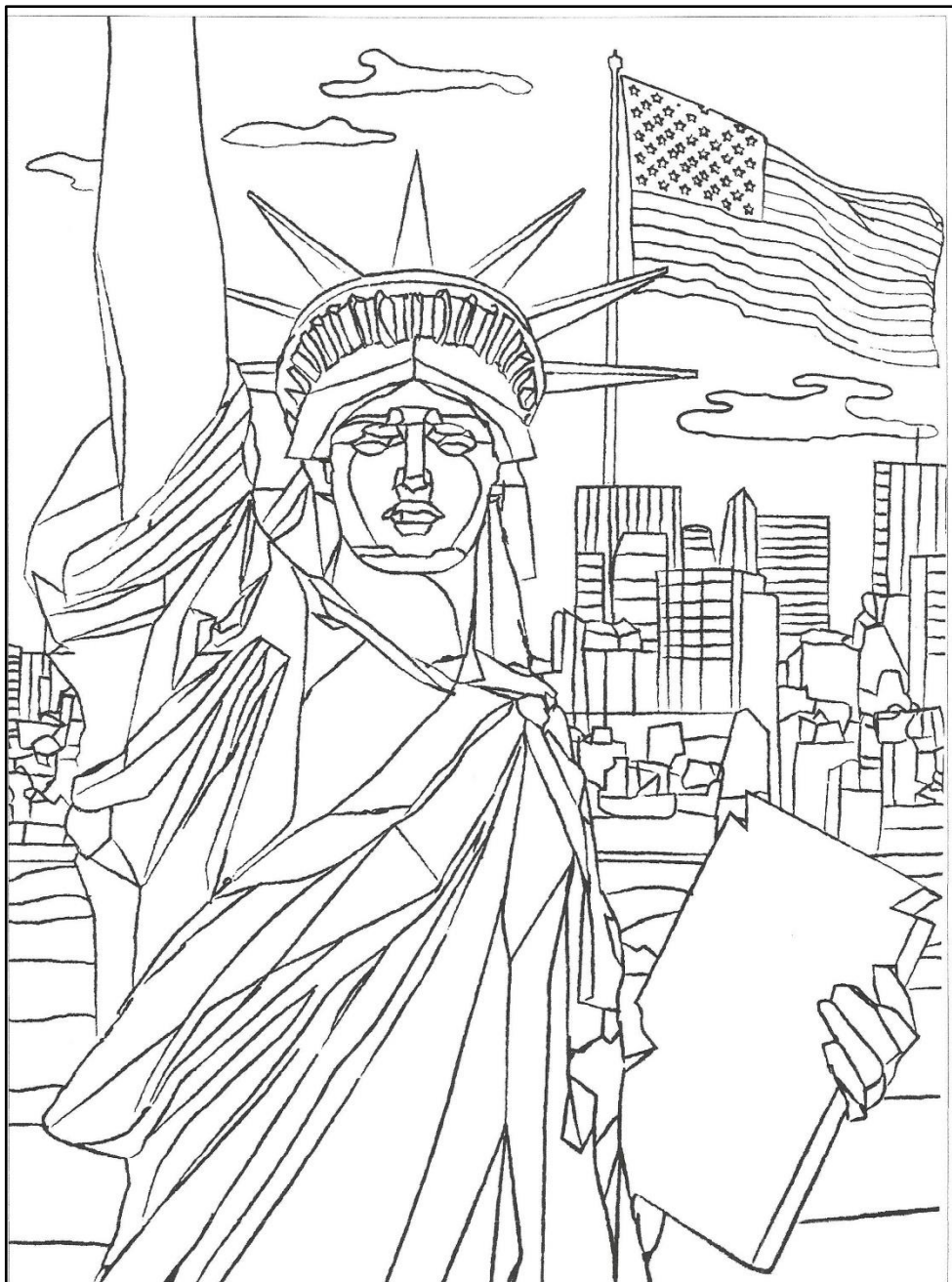
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National Day Today (July 4)

Boom Box Parade Day, Earth at
Aphelion, Hop a Park Day,
Independence Day, Indivisible
Day, Cherry Pit Spitting Day, Day
of Cooperatives, Barbecued
Spareribs Day, Play Outside Day.

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Saturday, July 4th – Independence Day - Noon

Benjamin Franklin - "I've lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing Proofs I see of this Truth — That God governs in the Affairs of Men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his Notice, is it probable that an Empire can rise without his Aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that except the Lord build the House they labor in vain who build it. I firmly believe this, — and I also believe that without his concurring Aid, we shall succeed in this political Building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our Projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a Reproach and Bye word down to future Ages."

<p>Song: 1) O beautiful for spacious skies For amber waves of grain For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain America America God shed His grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea</p>	<p>3) O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife Who more than self their country loved And mercy more than life America America may God thy gold refine Till all success be nobleness And ev'ry gain divine</p>
<p>2) O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern impassioned stress A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness America America God mend thine ev'ry flaw Confirm thy soul in self control Thy liberty in law</p>	<p>4) O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears America America God shed His grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!</p>

Nathan Hale – His last words before being hung by the British as a spy are traditionally reported as, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

Historical Perspective (July 2): 1776 - Declaration of Independence. **1802** – West Point Military Academy opens. **1803** - Louisiana Purchase - \$15 million. **1804** - Nathaniel Hawthorne born. **1817** - Erie Canal work begins. **1918** - Ann Landers born. **1848** - Washington Monument cornerstone. **1863** - Vicksburg, surrenders. **1881** - Tuskegee Institute opens. **1883** - Rube Goldberg born. **1886** - First U.S. rodeo. **1895** - America the Beautiful published. **1910** – Heavyweight fight - Black boxer Jack Johnson knocks out Jim Jeffries - race riots. **1911** - Mitch Miller born. **1934** - Mt Rushmore - Washington's face dedicated. **1939** - Lou Gehrig retires. **1976** – U.S. Bicentennial. **2004** - Freedom Tower cornerstone - World Trade Center site. **2009** - Statue of Liberty's crown reopens. **2011** Judah Brewster born (grandson).

Writing for Fun: Using 100 words write how you feel about the 4th: I summered on Lake Champlain; the waters of the revolution. I sailed in the wake of the British chasing Arnold and Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys from Plattsburg south past Schuyler Island down to Squirrel Ledge. I walked the paths of colonials attacking and taking Fort Ticonderoga. I picked rocks from Mother's Beach, ground round by the waves, to be used as cannon shot. I boarded Sloop Island whose cannon fooled and delayed the British fleet. The 4th is the stuff of legends to me that I reenacted every summer.

Saturday, July 4th – Independence Day - Supper

Thomas Jefferson - The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. . . .

Yankee Doodle Dandy

I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy
A Yankee Doodle, do or die
A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam
Born on the Fourth of July
I've got a Yankee Doodle sweetheart
She's my Yankee Doodle joy
Yankee Doodle came to London
Just to ride the ponies
I am the Yankee Doodle Boy

Grand old flag

You're a grand old flag,
You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of
The land I love.
The home of the free and the brave.
Ev'ry heart beats true
'neath the Red, White and Blue,
Where there's never a boast or brag.
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.



July Fourth Word Search



ADAMS	FOURTH	NATION
AMERICA	FREEDOM	PARADE
BARBECUE	HOTDOGS	REVOLUTION
COLONIES	INDEPENDENCE	RIGHTS
CONGRESS	JEFFERSON	STATES
DECLARATION	JULY	THIRTEEN
EQUALITY	LIBERTY	UNITED
FIREWORKS		