

Interactive: Celebrate America's 250th

*Early **Middle
***Advanced Levels

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Name _____

**The Fourth of July is the birthday of the American people!
A day we chose to become a free and independent nation.**



1. Why was America's founding so different?



The 14 year timeline 1775 to 1789 helps us grasp how the Preamble of our US Constitution - "We The People" - established a government where the people are the decision makers, not a king.

> FILL IN the missing letters: **W TH PEO L**

2. Here are three key ideas that make America special.

You can find them on every Coin and Dollar Bill:

"Liberty," "In God We Trust," and the Latin phrase "**E Pluribus Unum**".

E LURI S N M

* This means "**From Many, One**". Our United States includes people of every religious racial, ethnic, cultural and national origin. Out of many, we become one people -- Americans.



3. 14 Year Timeline: Revolutionary War, US Constitution and 1st President:

1775 > > 1776 > > 1783 > > 1787 > > 1789

War Begins
April 19, 1775
with the **Battles of Lexington and Concord**

Declaration of Independence
was signed on **July 4, 1776**
in **Philadelphia**

War Ends
Sept 3, 1783
concluded with
the signing of the
Treaty of Paris

Signed
Sept 17, 1787,
the **US Constitution**
was enacted by the
Continental Congress

1st President
George Washington
was inaugurated
April 30, 1789,
in **New York City**



Bonus: How many British Colonies were there?

Can you name them?

