

July Encore Trivia Answers!

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Q: On what date did Congress vote for American Independence?

A: **July 2, 1776. The vote for Independence took place on the 2nd and the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence occurred on July 4, 1776.**

Q: Who was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence?

A: **Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson wrote the first draft in June of 1776. It subsequently went through 86 revisions before the final draft was approved.**

Q: How many Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence?

A: **The Founding Fathers are generally considered those individuals who had the greatest impact and influence on establishing independence from England:** John Adams, Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Marshall, George Mason, and George Washington. Although there is a total of 56 signatures on the Declaration of Independence, only John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson were signers that would eventually be named "Founding Fathers."

Q: On the original American flag, what shape were the thirteen stars arranged in?

A: **The thirteen stars were arranged in a circle and represented the original 13 Colonies:** New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.