**Public Holidays in the USA**

*Find out why the Americans celebrate their holidays (some of them are easy to figure out…)*

1. New Year’s Day, January 1.
2. Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the third Monday in January.
3. Inauguration Day, January 20 in the year after a presidential election; the next is in 2009.
4. Washington’s Birthday, the third Monday in February.
5. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.
6. Independence Day, July 4.
7. Labor Day, the first Monday in September.
8. Columbus Day, the second Monday in October.
9. Veterans Day, November 11.
10. Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November.
11. Christmas Day, December 25.

*Example*

The Americans celebrate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (public holiday) to honor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. a certain group of people)