**The Big USA Test**

1. [How many stars are on the US flag?](http://usgovinfo.about.com/blinstst.htm#2)
2. 49
3. 50
4. 51
5. 52
6. [What do the stars on the US flag mean?](http://usgovinfo.about.com/blinstst.htm#4)
7. One for each state in the Union
8. One for each president
9. One for each colony
10. One for each language which is spoken
11. [What do the stripes on the US flag mean?](http://usgovinfo.about.com/blinstst.htm#7)
12. They represent the 13 presidents
13. They represent the 13 languages which are spoken
14. They represent the 13 religions which are practiced
15. They represent the first 13 colonies
16. Mention seven states in the USA of your own choice
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23. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
24. How many people live in the USA (approximately)?
25. 200 million
26. 300 million
27. 400 million
28. 500 million
29. What is the capital of the USA?
30. New York
31. Washington D.C.
32. Los Angeles
33. Chicago
34. Why are the natives of the USA called (American) Indians?
35. Because they came from India
36. Because they looked like Indians
37. Because they spoke Indian English
38. Because Columbus – when he first ‘discovered’ America – thought he had found India
39. Who were the first people to inhabit America – and when?
40. They were of Asian origin and came to America more than 20.000 years ago
41. They were from Norway and came to America about a 1000 years ago
42. They were from Spain and came to America with Columbus in 1492
43. They were from Italy and came to America with Vespucci in 1507
44. America was under control of Britain until…
45. 1770
46. 1773
47. 1776
48. 1779

1. The Civil War from 1861 to 1865 was fought because the Northern States and the Southern States did not agree on…
2. … the issue of slavery
3. … a variety of religious issues
4. … which city should be the capital
5. … the issue of nuclear power
6. Which city is the biggest city in the USA?
7. New York
8. Washington D.C.
9. Los Angeles
10. Chicago
11. Grand Canyon is a 446 km long, 1.6 km deep and up to 29 km wide ravine. But in which state is it situated?
12. Texas
13. New Mexico
14. California
15. Arizona
16. Which state is known as “The Cowboy State”?
17. Texas
18. Wyoming
19. Utah
20. Nebraska
21. What is Hollywood mostly known for?
22. The huge desert, Holly
23. Film production
24. Cupcakes
25. The famous park, Central Park
26. The Statue of Liberty is one of the most famous landmarks in New York City. Mention five other landmarks in New York City of your own choice:
27. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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32. A tragic story in the US history is the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In what year did that happen?
33. 1963
34. 1964
35. 1965
36. 1966
37. The president is elected for a \_\_\_\_\_\_ year term and can be reelected \_\_\_\_\_\_
38. Two; once
39. Four; once
40. Four; twice
41. Three; once
42. This famous quotation “I have a dream” was expressed in a speech in 1963 by…
43. John F. Kennedy
44. Abraham Lincoln
45. Martin Luther King, Jr.
46. Neil Armstrong
47. Who was president of the USA during World War II?
48. Franklin D. Roosevelt
49. Harry S. Truman
50. John F. Kennedy
51. Richard Nixon
52. Match these public holidays with the right description

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| **Federal holiday**  | **Description**  |
| New Years Day | **D** |
| Labor Day |  |
| Columbus Day |  |
| Veterans Day |  |
| Memorial Day |  |
| Thanksgiving  |  |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |  |
| Independence Day |  |

1. To honor the first harvest of the Pilgrim Fathers in the fall of 1621
2. To honor the Nation’s working people
3. To honor the African-American clergyman who is recognized for his tireless efforts to win civil rights for all people through nonviolent means
4. To celebrate the beginning of the Gregorian calendar year
5. To honor the people killed in the American Civil War
6. To honor the nation's birthday – July 4, 1776
7. To honor the traditional discoverer of America
8. To honor people of all wars in which the U.S. has fought
9. Match these famous US persons with the right description

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| **Famous person** | **Description**  |
| Marilyn Monroe |  |
| George Washington |  |
| Neil Armstrong |  |
| Billy The Kid |  |
| John D. Rockefeller |  |
| Henry Ford |  |

1. The founder of the [Standard Oil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_Oil) Company (1870), which dominated the oil industry and was the first great U.S. business trust. He revolutionized the [petroleum industry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Petroleum_industry) and defined the structure of modern [philanthropy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philanthropy).
2. The first [President of the United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_States) and one of the [Founding Fathers of the United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Founding_Fathers_of_the_United_States).
3. This man did not invent the automobile, but he developed and manufactured the first automobile that many middle class Americans could afford to buy.
4. A 19th-century American [gunman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gunfighter) who participated in the [Lincoln County War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lincoln_County_War) and became a frontier outlaw in the [American Old West](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Old_West).
5. An [astronaut](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Astronaut) and the [first person to walk on the Moon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apollo_11#Lunar_surface_operations).
6. An actress, model and singer who became a major [sex symbol](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sex_symbol) during the 1950’s and early 1960’s.
7. At what age can you get a (restricted) driver’s license in most states in the USA?
8. 16
9. 18
10. 20
11. 21
12. At what age are you allowed to buy alcohol in the USA?
13. 15
14. 18
15. 21
16. 24
17. What is the name of the President’s official home?
18. The Capitol
19. Supreme Court
20. The White House
21. Washington National Cathedral
22. What are the two major political parties in the USA today?
23. Libertarian Party and Green Party
24. Constitution Party and Conservative Party
25. Christian Liberty Party and Freedom Party
26. Democratic Party and Republican Party

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