

USA Quiz

So how did you manage the questions? Let's see ... here are the solutions to the quiz:

1. The American flag is a strong symbol of American identity.
 - How many white stars on a blue background do you count? 50
 - How many red and white stripes do you count? 13
 - What do they represent?
 - stars: states
 - stripes: original colonies
2. Which is the largest and which is the smallest state by land area?
 - largest: Alaska
 - smallest: Rhode Island
3. Which is the longest river of the USA?
 - Missouri River
 - Mississippi River
 - Yukon River
 - Rio Grande
4. Which of the following cities was the most dangerous to live in in 2020?
 - Miami
 - New York
 - Detroit
 - St. Louis
5. What are the additional articles to the US Constitution called?
 - amendments
6. What is the Second ~ about (four words, no capital letters, please)?
 - right to bear arms
7. What is the collection of the first ten citizens' rights called?
 - the Bill of Rights

8. Name the following presidents of the United States (first name, surname).
- first president: George Washington
 - the only president with more than two terms of office: Franklin D(elan) Roosevelt
 - 44th president: Barack (Hussein) Obama

9. Although the American Constitution does not talk about political parties, the US have a de facto
- two-party system

10. Fill in the missing words about the main American parties.

Democrats	and	<u>Republicans</u> are often associated with
labour		industry
strong central government		<u>federalism</u>
-		business
health care		-

11. Tick the correct boxes. More than one can be correct.

Arnold Schwarzenegger's political career in the US had inevitably had to come to an end, because a presidential candidate MUST

- be a registered voter.
- be at least 35 years old.
- be a natural-born US citizen.
- speak at least two of the American official languages.
- have had a permanent residency in the US for at least 14 years.

12. Connect the correct pieces of information.

The US system of government consists of three branches.

- The legislative branch ... makes the laws.
- The executive branch ... carries out the laws.
- The judicial branch ... interprets the laws.

13. Talking about the USA government's practice of law, some state governments can put persons to death as a punishment for their crime. There are two terms used for this practice:

- death penalty or
- capital punishment

14. Which people gave the Statue of Liberty to the USA as a gift?

- the French (in 1886 to celebrate the idea of independence)

15. When did America declare its independence from its mother country Great Britain?

- 4th July 1776 / July 4th, 1776/ July 4, 1776

16. Name three basic American values (examples to choose from).

- courage
- freedom
- industry
- mobility
- pride
- democracy
- heroism
- individualism
- morality
- progress
- equality
- hope
- justice
- patriotism
- success
- fortune
- independence
- liberty
- pragmatism
- tolerance

17. "New Canaan" and "Promised Land" are terms referring to the

- Bible/ Old Testament

18. This term has become a myth. It originally referred to westward movement, describing the line of settlement in the west and therefore also the spread of civilization. It also represents a certain spirit and was for example used by John F. Kennedy to define the new ~ in space.

- frontier

19. When immigrating to the US from 1892 to 1954 about 12 million people had to pass this territory.

- Ellis Island

20. Name the reasons for the conflicts between the colony America and its mother country Great Britain. (You can tick more than one box.)

- divine foresight
- destruction of the land by British soldiers
- ideological differences
- no sovereignty
- imprisonment of American politicians
- the monopoly on goods
- equal rights for men and women
- taxes on for example sugar, tea, stamps

21. From the 16th to the 19th century slaves, cash crops and goods were transported between colonies and colonial powers. This is also known as the triangular trade.

22. Trafficking is a term used

- for data on the internet which can destroy a website's reputation.
- for illicit trade business.
- when a high amount of vehicles makes the flow of traffic difficult.

23. Connect the sentences.

The following statements describe the Jim Crow Era.

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| In these times whites were legally | ... allowed to segregate blacks. |
| Laws permitted the segregation | ... of races in everyday life |
| Actually practised forms of discrimination were lynching, | ... to name a few methods, victims were shot, burned alive, thrown off a bridge or dragged behind a vehicle. |
| Black Americans were treated as | ... inferior to white Americans. |
| Laws were mostly declared unconstitutional | ... in 1954 by the Supreme Court in <i>Brown vs. Board of Education</i> . |
| Laws were overruled by | ... the Civil Rights Act of 1964. |
| The Jim Crow Era defines a period of | ... racial discrimination equalling the Apartheid Era in South Africa. |

24. Fill in the missing words which give examples where racial segregation was openly practised.

- In public places: playgrounds, parks, schools, hospitals, prisons, cinemas
- On public (group) transport: in buses, trains, trams, ferries, airlines.
- In public facilities, such as toilets, water fountains, washbasins.

25. The Civil War separated the north from the south. The differences related to

- the aim of saving the union
- business interests
- property rights
- equal rights for men and women
- the notion of slavery

26. Complete the sentences!

Talking about the Civil Rights Movement we distinguish between two different methods of pursuing the struggle for equality: These are non-violent acts, represented by Martin Luther King, and violent acts, as held possible by Malcolm X.

27. Fill in the correct political terms describing the US and their involvement in world affairs.

At the beginning the US's global role was preoccupied with home affairs. This avoidance of being entangled with foreign countries is called isolationism. After World War II the USA got more and more involved in world affairs. This so-called interventionism includes diplomatic, military and economic engagement.

28. Tick the correct box. More than one answer can be correct.

The 45th President, Donald Trump divided the US nation and the countries worldwide because of his

- conversational tone.
- social conduct.
- foreign affairs' decisions.
- COVID-19 handling.
- connection to the media.

29. Tick the correct box. More than one can be correct.

In his inauguration speech on 20th January 2021 the current President Joe Biden

- thanks the former president for his service to the nation.
- dedicates his political mission to the idea of change.
- appeals to the success of unity.
- promises to be a president for all Americans.
- celebrates the triumph of democracy.
- brings up the patchwork inheritance of all Americans.
- wants to right the wrongs.

30. Connect the correct statements.

Some more facts on American presidents – but who of the following presidents is known for what?

Barack Obama	... received the Nobel Peace Prize.
George Washington	... did not accept his salary.
Harry Truman	... has single letter as his second name as his parents could not decide on a specific name.
George Bush	... fainted after vomiting on Japan's Prime Minister during a banquet due to a gastroenteritis.
James Carter	... was the first president to be born in a hospital
Joe Biden	... is the second Catholic president after John F. Kennedy.

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