

July Fourth Facts

Read about the meaning and traditions of Independence Day.

2.3.1 "Independence Day."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the words that tell why Independence Day is remembered. Underline three ways people celebrate it.

A Day to Remember

- ① Independence Day is a national holiday in the United States. It is celebrated on July 4. The holiday remembers July 4, 1776, when the Declaration of Independence said the thirteen colonies were free from Great Britain.
- ② People celebrate in many ways. Some families fly the United States flag, wear red, white, and blue, or eat together outdoors. Communities may hold parades, concerts, or fireworks shows. These events help people share the holiday.
- ③ During a parade, people may hear patriotic music and see flags. Fireworks often happen after dark. Independence Day is a time to remember the country's beginning and celebrate being part of the United States.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What date is Independence Day celebrated?

2 What happened on July 4, 1776?

3 Name two ways people celebrate Independence Day.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about how a community could celebrate Independence Day. Include one activity and what the holiday remembers.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the words that tell why Independence Day is remembered. Underline three ways people celebrate it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What date is Independence Day celebrated?	July 4.
2	What happened on July 4, 1776?	The Declaration of Independence said the thirteen colonies were free from Great Britain.
3	Name two ways people celebrate Independence Day.	Answers may include flying the United States flag, wearing red, white, and blue, eating outdoors, going to a parade, attending a concert, or watching fireworks.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My community could watch a parade and fly flags. Independence Day remembers the beginning of the United States.

Accept any two celebration activities named in the passage for Question 3. For the open response, accept a sensible celebration activity and a statement that the holiday remembers the beginning or independence of the United States.