

STUDENT'S WORKBOOK

USA



The purpose of this booklet is aimed at helping you interact with your host family, make you aware of a number of facts of everyday life in the USA, teach you about the history and culture of that country.

The entries range from fairly easy to rather difficult.

Anyway

- Do the quizzes and the games with your host family's help and with the assistance of your teacher (Internet will help, too),
- Complete the various items and questionnaires,
- Describe your activities during the stay,
- Write about your thoughts and impressions during this homestay experience.

KEEP THE JOURNAL OF THIS STAY
IT WILL BE A PLEASANT SOUVENIR
AND MIGHT COME IN USEFUL TO YOU LATER

MY HOMESTAY IN THE USA

Dates of the stay :

Homestay area :

HOST FAMILY : (Name, mailing address, phone, email)

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Paste a picture of your host family here

MY ITINERARY

I flew from :To :

Outward journey on :

Flight number(s) and times :

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Journey back on :

Flight number(s) and times :

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PROGRAM OF THE STAY

- Day 1 :

- Day 2 :

- Day 3 :

- Day 4 :

- Day 5 :

- Day 6 :

- Day 7 :

- Day 8 :

- Day 9 :

- Day 10 :

- Day 11 :

MY HOST FAMILY

How many persons are there in the family ?

What are the parents' first names :

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What is their occupation ? Father :

Mother :

Are there children in the family ? Yes No If yes :

- Names and ages :

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Do they go to school ? Yes No If yes,

What grade(s) :

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What does the family do at weekends ?

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Where do they like to go on vacation ?

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What do they do when on vacation ?

Do they have pet animals ? Yes No If yes :

- What are these pets :

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**Paste here a picture
of your homestay town**

Interview one of the host family members. Ask this person what she likes, doesn't like, favourite sport, hobbies and pastimes, where she likes to go on vacation, etc ...

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AMERICAN COLLOQUIAL EXPRESSIONS FROM "A" TO "Z"

- **Awesome** : Fantastic, great, wonderful, amazing.
- **A ballpark figure** : A rough estimate, a vague idea.
- **Cool down !** : Relax !
- **Drag** : What a disappointment.
- **To ease off** : To relax, to cool down.
- **A freebee** : Something you don't have to pay for.
- **Give me a break** : Expresses :
 - 1) Something which you think is untrue and you don't believe,
 - 2) Something which is true but you find ridiculous.
- **Hang in there !** : Don't give up !
- **Iffy** : Uncertain.
- **Just plain** : Clearly, simply.
- **A killer** : Great ! Amazing !
- **Laid back** : Relaxed, cool, easy-going.
- **Man** : A way guys address each other.
- **No way** : Used to say that something is not going to happen or to express disbelief.
- **Off color** : Rude, offensive.
- **A quarter** : A 25 cents coin.
- **To ride shotgun** : To sit on the front passenger seat of the car.

- **Snail mail** : Regular mail as opposed to e-mail.
- **24/7** : Twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.
- **Uncle Sam** : The United States government.
- **Veggies** : Vegetables.
- **Wheels** : A car.
- **Yeah** : Conversational form of “yes”.
- **Zip (or Zilch)** : Nothing.

Ask your host family for the meaning of the following colloquial expressions :

- **A dime a dozen** :
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- **To be beat** :
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- **A cop** :
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- **To freak out** :
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- **To rub the wrong way** :
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- A sucker** :
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**PASTE A PICTURE OF YOUR
HOST FAMILY'S RESIDENCE
HERE**

Ask your host mother to give you the recipe of one of her favourite
dishes :

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TYPICAL AMERICAN FOODS

Link each of the foods with the state, region or town where the dish had its origin.

REGION OR STATE

JAMBALAYA	FLORIDA
SOFT SHELL CRABS	MARYLAND
CLAM CHOWDER	LOUISIANA
HORSESHOE SANDWICH	MISSISSIPI
MUD PIE	NEW ENGLAND
KEY LIME PIE	ILLINOIS

LOCAL

HOAGIE	NEW ORLEANS
PO' BOY	BOSTON
SCROD	SAN FRANCISCO
SOUR DOUGH BREAD	PHILADELPHIA

Jambalaya :A spicy meat, seafood and rice stew

Clam chowder :A soup made with clams, potatoes and onions

Horseshoe sandwich :A meat, fries and creamy cheese sandwich

Mud pie :A gooey chocolate sauce on a chocolate crust

Hoagie :A large loaf sandwich filled with meats

Po'boy : Bread filled with fried oysters, shrimp, fish, crabmeat

Scrod : Broiled cod

EVERYDAY THINGS

1) In the majority of schools, the day begins by a short ceremony :
What is it ?

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2) Minimum school drop age varies from 16 to 18 depending on the
state where you live :

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Wrong

3) What are the 3 most popular sports in American schools ?

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4) What is the legal smoking age in the USA ?

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5) What is the legal age to consume alcoholic beverages in public in
the USA ?

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6) Is it correct that in the USA a person must be at least 16 years old
to be permitted to drive a car ?

Yes

No

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7) What is the meaning of the expression “to be grounded” when speaking of a teenager ?

8) What is the correct word for “Greenback” or “buck” ?

9) What are the correct words for respectively ?

A penny : A nickel :

A dime : A quarter :

10) Marked prices on consumer goods never include the sales tax ?

Right

Wrong

11) The service charge is always included in the price mentioned on the menu ?

Right

Wrong

12) What number must one dial to call emergency services in the USA ?

A DAY WITH MY HOST FAMILY

Relate what you did on a day which you spent with your host family :

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Ask your host family to tell you of an event, an incident or an anecdote which happened in their town or county and write it down below :

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1) In California can be seen the second longest suspension bridge in the world. What is its name ? Where exactly is it ?

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2) Mount Rushmore national monument in South Dakota features the heads of 4 United States Presidents carved in the granite. They are :

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3) The very first National Park in the world (established 1872) is situated in Wyoming :

What is its name ?

Why was it given this name ?

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4) A female Native American became legendary through being the 1st Indian from Virginia to become Christian, marry an Englishman and have a child from such a marriage. What was her name ?

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5) They are not a part of a four-legged animal, yet they are called "Buffalo Wings". What are they and why do they bear that name ?

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6) What was the Mason - Dixon Line ?

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7) Tallahassee : The capital city of Florida, and the town of Amarillo in Texas are each situated in a part of its state which has a name reminding of a cooking pan. What is this name ?

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8) Although it is not absolutely proven, it is generally agreed that the 1st American flag was made by Betsy Ross :

- Why are there 13 stripes and 13 stars on it ?
- Where is this flag kept ?

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9) One street in Los Angeles is famous the world over for its expensive luxury shops. What is its name ?

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10) One of the most famous highways in America ran from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California, covering a total of 2446 miles. What was it called ?

11) In the middle of the 19th century a much travelled route went from the Missouri River to the coast of Oregon through the Great Plains and across the Rocky Mountains.

What was it called ?

12) What are the names of the world famous singers who had the following nicknames :

- The Voice :

- The King :

- Bambi :

13) The 49ers are a professional American Football team based in San Francisco (CA). Why did they choose this name ?

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14) What river carved the Grand Canyon ?

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15) On December 17, 1903, on the beach of Kitty Hawk”(NC) 2 brothers Orville and Wilbur WRIGHT made history. What was their achievement ?

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16) A 100 foot high monumental statue dedicated to the “Struggle Against World Terrorism” was given to the United States by the Russian people as a memorial to the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center.

What is the name of the statue ?

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17) What is a dry county ?

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18) A baseball field is called :

An oval A diamond A ruby

Why :

19) What is the name given to the swampland around New Orleans, home to the Cajun culture ?

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20) Several regions of the USA are commonly given a name followed by the word “Belt”. For instance, what is “The Bible Belt”?

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Give the name of 1 or 2 other “Belt regions” :

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EXCURSIONS AND SIGHTSEEING

**PASTE HERE A PICTURE
OR A POSTCARD
OF THE PLACE WHICH YOU LIKED
BEST ON YOUR DAYS OUT**

1) On which day did this excursion take place ?

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2) What was the itinerary of the day ?

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3) Which sites did you see or visit ?

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4) What were your impressions and why did you particularly enjoy that day ?

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5) Describe the place that you liked best and what you saw there ?

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6) What is the activity or the visit which you enjoyed least ?

Say why :

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7) What did you learn about your homestay town during the stay ?

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TELEVISION

How many free TV channels are available in the area :

Name a few of them :

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Ask the family how much time they spend watching TV per week.

At what time of the day do they do so ?

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What are their favourite programs ?

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What did you watch yourself during the stay ?

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10 THINGS TYPICALLY AMERICAN

- 1) Each year, for Thanksgiving, an animal is officially presented to the President of the USA who ceremoniously grants it “A Presidential Pardon”.
What animal is this ?
- 2) When is “Black Friday” and what is it ?
- 3) A woman who is expecting a baby organises a party for her lady friends during which she is given presents for her new baby.
What is this party called ?
- 4) Each year February 2 is “Groundhog day”. What happens on that day ?
- 5) Each year, for Halloween, little children disguise themselves and go from house to house in their neighborhood asking for sweets and candy. What is this called ?
- 6) “Homecoming” is an important social activity in American high schools. It usually includes activities such as sports, culture events and often a parade.
At what time of year does it generally happen ?
- 7) Another notable and highly popular event in the social climate of high schools is held in the spring to the attention of senior students, boys dressing in formal wear and girls in evening gowns.
What is the event called ?
- 8) Tailgating is getting more and more popular among sports fans.
What is tailgating :
- 9) 9) What is a “BLT” ?
- 10) What does the second amendment to the constitution allow Americans to own ?

SHOPPING

**PASTE HERE THE PICTURE
OF A SHOP WINDOW
WHICH ATTRACTED
YOUR ATTENTION**

Ask your host mother where she usually shops and why

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MY SHOPPING LIST

Item Purchased	Price	Place of Purchase

ACRONYMS

Examples : - USA : United States of America

- NATO : North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

What do the following acronyms stand for :

- G - I :

- CNN :

- CIA :

- NASA :

- FBI :

- D.C. :

- LOL :

- NSA :

- DUI :

- NFL :

- FYI :

- UFO :

- DIY :

CITY NICKNAMES

List of cities
Atlanta
Boston
Chicago
Denver
Houston
Las Vegas
Los Angeles
Nashville
New Orleans
Philadelphia
Phoenix
Pittsburg
Portland
San Francisco
Seattle
Washington

Nickname	City
Steel City	
The City in a Forest	
The Windy City	
The City by the Bay	
The City on a Hill	
The Emerald City	
The City of Angels	
Music City USA	
Sin City	
Space City	
The City of Brotherly Love	
The Mile High City	
The Big Easy	
The City of Roses	
The Federal City	
The Valley of the Sun	

AMERICAN STATES TRIVIA

1) Mount St Helen, a volcano, is notorious for its catastrophic eruption in 1980. In what state is it situated ?

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2) Which state is known as “The Tar Heel State” ?

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3) Which state was an independant sovereign nation in North America from 1836 to 1846 ?

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4) In which state is the city famous for having been largely destroyed by a great fire in 1871, its international exposition of 1893, for its slaughter houses and later for its gangsters ?

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5) What is the origin of the name of the state of Florida ?

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6) What is the last state to have been admitted into the Union ?

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7) In what states are held the first primaries of the Presidential election process ?

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8) What is the smallest state of the Union ?

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9) What is the largest state in the USA ?

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10) Which state does not assess a sales tax on consumer goods, a very low income tax and corporate friendly laws for businesses ?

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11) Which State produces 1/3 of the potatoes consumed in the USA ?

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12) Why is Colorado called “ The Mile High State” ?

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13) Which state ranks as having 8th biggest economy in the world ?

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14) What is the origin of the name of the state of Virginia ?

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15) Charles Lindberg was the 1st man who flew across the Atlantic Ocean. His plane was called “The Spirit of St Louis”. In which state is the city of St Louis ?

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16) What is the state where the Mormons settled ?

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17) Which state has the reputation of always voting for the candidate who will be elected President of the USA ?

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18) Las Vegas and Reno are 2 towns famous for casinos and Gambling. In what state are they ?

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19) In John Steinbeck's novel "The Grapes of Wrath" The poor farmer migrants heading to California were called "Okies" - Why ?

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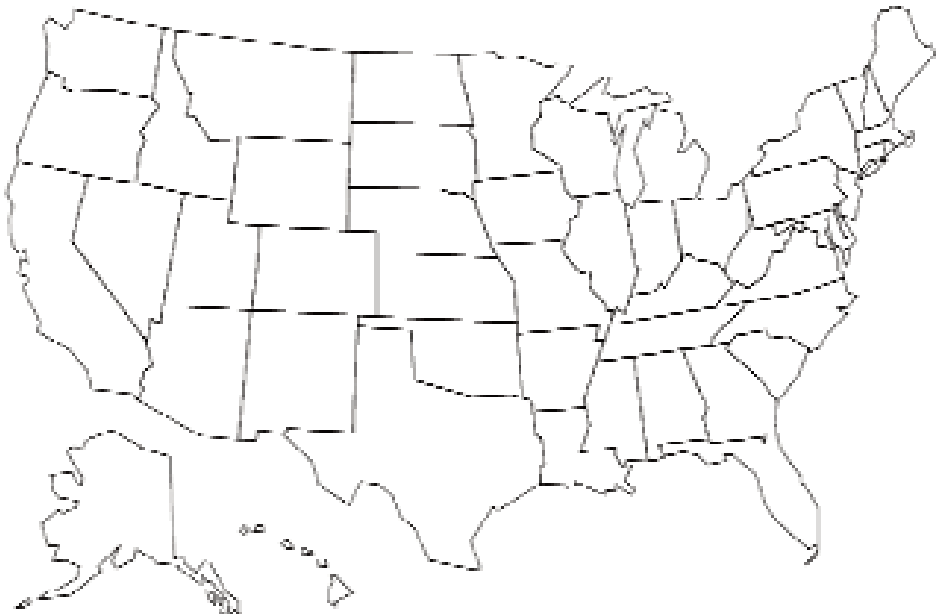
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20) Memphis, the home town of the Blues and Rock'n Roll, is the 2nd largest town of which state ?

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Place each of these states on the map

The United States of America



AMERICAN PRESIDENTS QUIZ

- The first President was George Washington :
Right Wrong
- Before his was elected President, Bill Clinton was Governor of Arkansas :
Right Wrong
- The Bush Family was the only one in the history of the USA to have 2
of its members elected to the Presidency :
Right Wrong
- Benjamin Franklin, one of Founding Fathers of the United States
was one of the First Presidents :
Right Wrong
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy was not the only member of the family
to be murdered :
Right Wrong
- Thomas Jefferson, the 3rd President was the principal author of the
Declaration of Independence :
Right Wrong
- FD Roosevelt was the only President to serve 4 terms until his death in 1945
:
Right Wrong
- Gerald Ford became President immediately after Kennedy's death :
Right Wrong
- In 1936, Roosevelt was reelected winning 46 states out of 48 :
Right Wrong
- Jimmy Carter was not reelected because he was a Catholic :
Right Wrong
- When he was young, Ronald Reagan was a movie actor :
Right Wrong
- Woodrow Wilson refused to grant women the right to vote :
Right Wrong

1) How many Presidents were assassinated ?

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2) Only 1 President resigned while he was in office. His name is :

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3) Only 1 President served 4 terms :

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4) William Henry Harrison, the 9th president died of pneumonia serving the shortest term in US presidential history. How long did he stay in office :

5) Which President was fluent in English, Latin, Greek, French, Spanish plus several native american languages ?

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AMERICAN FOLK HEROES **(Real and Imaginary)**

- 1) My real name is John Chapman. I am an American pioneer nurseryman who introduced apple trees to large parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois :

I am :

- 2) Also called “King of the Wild Frontier” I represented Tennessee in the US House of Representatives, served in the Texas revolution and died at the battle of the Alamo :

I am :

- 3) A legendary figure in Texas history and a folk hero of American culture, I commanded the volunteer forces at the Alamo and gave my name to a famous knife:

I am :

- 4) Nicknamed “Little Sure Shot” I rose to fame as a sharpshooter and exhibition shooter. I joined the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, thus becoming the first American female superstar :

I am :

- 5) I was born in Boston and I am a patriot of the American revolution. I rode through the night to alert the Colonial Militia of the approach of British forces before the battles of Lexington and Concord. My ride has been immortalised in a famous poem :

I am :

- 6) My real name is William Frederick Cody. I am a famous buffalo hunter as I killed 4,280 American Bison in 18 months. I then became one of the most colorful figures of the American Old West and famous by organising Wild West shows which toured the USA, England and Europe :

I am :

7) I am a tribal Chief of the Sioux Nation. I led my people to resist the United States government and defeated Colonel George Custer's regiment at the battle of Little Big Horn in 1876. I later joined Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show for 4 months and was killed in 1890 by the Indian Agency police while resisting arrest :

I am :

8) I am an imaginary giant lumberjack of incredible strength. I dug the Grand Canyon by dragging my axe behind me, Lake Superior on a day I needed a watering hole for Babe, my blue ox and Mount Hood by piling rocks on top of my campfire :

I am :

9) I fought for the Union army during the American Civil War. After the war, I gained publicity as a scout, marksman, professional gambler and earned a reputation as a lawman. I was shot and killed from behind while playing poker in a saloon:

I am :

10) I am an American Frontiers-woman and professional scout who led a very colorful and eventful life. I gained fame fighting indians. I married Wild Bill Hickock and, after his death, joined the Buffalo Bill's Wild West show as a storyteller :

I am :

11) I am quite simply, the most famous of all major league baseball players. I spent most of my professional career playing for the New York Yankees. As a pitcher and outfielder I set many records and was one of the first players to be elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame :

I am :

12) I am a legendary steel driver. I won a race against a steam-powered hammer only to die in victory with my hammer in my hand. My story has been the subject of numerous songs, stories, plays, books and novels :

I am :

AMERICAN FOLK HEROES

Tell us about the following American Folk Heroes :

- Charles Lindberg :

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- Daniel Boone :

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- Bonnie and Clyde :

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- Pecos Bill :

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- Geronimo :

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LANDMARK DATES AND EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE USA

1) What is commonly known as “The Lost Colony of Roanoke Island” ?

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2) Where was established the first permanent English settlement on the American Continent ?

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3) In November 1620 a party of 120 English men and women landed on the coast of present day Massachusetts and founded the second successful English settlement on the American continent.

- What is the name of the ship which they sailed on ?

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- What is this settlement called ?

- Under what name are these early settlers known ?

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4) On December 6, 1773, an event took place in Boston which ultimately escalated into the American Revolution and war of independence. Under what name is it commonly known ?

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5) The American War of Independence against Britain began in 1775. In 1783, the treaty of Paris ended the war and recognised the sovereignty of the United States. The insurgents were aided by 3 European nations. Which were they ?

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6) What important document was presented to the Congress on June 28, 1776 and then approved and signed on July 4 at the Independence Hall in Philadelphia ?

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7) What country signed a treaty of alliance with the United States on February 6 1778, making it the oldest ally of the USA ?

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8) Which important document was adopted in 1787, went into effect in March 1789, this making it the oldest law of this type still effective in the world today ?

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9) In 1803, a major treaty was signed between France and the USA. Under what name is it commonly known ?

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10) President Thomas Jefferson commissioned captain Merriweather Lewis & lieutenant William Clark to undertake an important and perilous expedition. What was this expedition, what was its purpose ?

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11) From May 1846 to March 1848, a war known as the Mexican - American war raged between the USA and the Republic of Mexico.

- What caused it ?

- What was its outcome ?

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12) A war raged in the USA from 1861 to 1865,

- What is it called ?

- Why ?

13) In June of 1876 the 7th Cavalry Regiment under the command of Colonel George Custer was severely defeated by the Indian tribes led by Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse and Chief Gall.

- What is the name of this battle ?

14) What is the name of the town 80% of which was destroyed on April 18, 1906 by the deadliest earthquake in American history as it killed over 3400 persons.

15) On October 24, 1929 the New York Stock Exchange collapsed entailing a world wide economic crisis. What name has been given to that day ?

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16) In 1941 The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, what were the consequences ?

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17) What was the Manhattan project ?

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18) What is the name of the Civil Rights leader who was assassinated by a sniper on April 4, 1968 at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis ?

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19) On July 21, 1969 an American astronaut was the first man to walk on the moon. What is his name ?

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20) What is the name of the 1st and only President of the USA who resigned from office on August 9, 1974 following the Watergate Scandal ?

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FAMOUS QUOTES BY FAMOUS PEOPLE

Each of these persons became famous :

Neil Amstrong, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Groucho Marx, Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, George W. Bush, Mark Twain, Ronald Reagan.

Which one of them said one of the following sentences :

One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind	
The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits	
I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member	
I choose a lazy person to do a hard job because a lazy person will find an easy way to	
Recession is when a neighbour loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours	
Go to the Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company	
Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves	
Let's go invent tomorrow instead of worrying about what happened yesterday	
Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country	
I do not need to explain why I say things. That's the interesting about being President	

FAMOUS (AND INFAMOUS) PEOPLE

Why did each of these 20 persons (listed in alphabetical order) become famous-or infamous -?!

1) Susan B. ANTHONY :

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2) John Wilkes BOOTH :

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3) Al CAPONE :

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4) Walt DISNEY :

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5) Amelia EARHART :

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6) Thomas EDISON :

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7) J. Henry FORD :

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8) Benjamin FRANKLIN :

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9) Edgar HOOVER :

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10) Steve JOBS :

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11) Earwin JOHNSON (Magic Johnson) :

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12) Robert E. LEE :

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13) Lucky LUCIANO :

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14) Joseph Mc CARTY :

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15) Marilyn MONROE :

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16) Elliot NESS :

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17) Lee Harvey OSWALD :

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18) Jesse OWENS :

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19) Andy WARHOL :

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20) Walt WHITMAN :

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NEW YORK CITY QUIZ

- 1) Before being called “ New York” its name was :
 - New Amsterdam
 - New Holland
 - New Netherlands

- 2) New York is familiarly called “ The Big Apple “ because :
 - During the great depression unemployed men sold apples for 5 cents each
 - The expression was used by jazz men to express that they had obtained a contract which paid big money
 - The boroughs around Manhatan were planted with apple tree orchards

- 3) “Wall Street” owes its name to :
 - The dutch expression “De Waal Straat” as families of Walloons resided here
 - The wall which the Dutch built to protect themselves from the Indians and the English
 - It is an alteration of the word “wallow” as this area originally was a muddy bog

- 4) In Battery Park at the southern tip of Manhattan, is a National Monument called Castle Clinton. This circular fort owes its name to :
 - President Bill Clinton
 - New York City Mayor Dewitt Clinton
 - Henry Clinton a British general

- 5) The Verazzano Narrows Bridge connecting Brooklyn to Staten Island was the longest suspension bridge in the world when it opened in 1964
 - Is a narrow bridge open to foot traffic only
 - Owes its name to the architect who built it
 - Has been given this name as a homage to the Italian navigator who first entered the Hudson Bay

- 6) In Bowling Green Park, near Wall Street is the bronze statue of a charging bull
- It symbolizes the energy, strength and unpredictability of the stock market
 - It is meant to remind people that on this spot there used to be fields with cattle grazing
 - It has been placed there in memory of one George Bull, a famous stock broker
- 7) The day when 2 planes crashed into the WTC is commonly called 9/11 because :
- 9 of the 11 buildings were destroyed
 - The disaster happened on the 11th of September
 - The 1st crash took place in the morning at 11 minutes after 9
- 8) The “Flat Iron Building”, one of downtown Manhattan landmarks got its name due to the fact that :
- It employed a steel skeleton
 - Its triangular shape is similar to that of a clothes iron
 - It houses the headquarters of a steel and iron company
- 9) The expression “Ground Zero” commonly used to designate the site where the World Trade Center stood :
- Is a military expression for the exact site where an explosion happens
 - Is because nothing has been left of the towers after the ground was cleared of the rubble
 - The explosion and the crash were so powerful that even the ground was vaporised
- 10) Harlem is :
- One of New York’s 5 boroughs
 - A couple of blocks south of Central Park
 - A large neighborhood in the borough of Manhattan

NEW YORK LANDMARKS

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

- 1) Was a gift to the United States from the people of France :
Right Wrong
- 2) Got its name from the island where it stands :
Right Wrong
- 3) It represents the roman goddess of freedom :
Right Wrong
- 4) It holds a tablet evoking the law on which is inscribed the date of the American Constitution :
Right Wrong
- 5) After closing to undergo extensive restoration it was rededicated on July 4, 1986 by Presidents Ronald Regan & François Mitterand :
Right Wrong

BROOKLYN BRIDGE

- 1) Completed in 1883, it connects the borough of Manhattan and Brooklyn
Right Wrong
- 2) All types of motor vehicles are permitted to cross the bridge :
Right Wrong
- 3) In 2002, the mayor of New York sold the bridge to a private company :
Right Wrong
- 4) When a great number of pedestrians cross the bridge, it sways :
Right Wrong
- 5) “Love Locks” is a practice by which couples inscribe a date and their initials onto a lock, attach it to the bridge and throw the key into the river as a sign of their everlasting love :
Right Wrong

THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

- 1) Built in 1931, its name is derived from the nickname for New York “The Empire State” :
Right Wrong
- 2) With its antenna spire, it stands a total of 443,20 metres (1 454 feet) high :
Right Wrong
- 3) It never was the world’s tallest building :
Right Wrong
- 4) Construction took just under 15 months to be completed :
Right Wrong
- 5) There is an observation deck only situated on the 103rd floor :
Right Wrong

THE ROCKEFELLER CENTRE

- 1) It is called the “Rockefeller Centre” because it stands right in the very centre of Manhattan :
Right Wrong
- 2) It is a complex of 19 commercial buildings :
Right Wrong
- 3) The famous observation deck “Top of the Rock” is situated at the top of the 70 floor GE building :
Right Wrong
- 4) The Lower Plaza adorned with a bronzed gilded statue of Prometheus is a skating ring all year long :
Right Wrong
- 5) Each year over the Christmas period a 75 foot high spruce tree decorated with 16 000 lights is placed on the Rockefeller Centre esplanade :
Right Wrong

CENTRAL PARK

1) Covering an area of 340 ha (840 acres) Central Park is entirely owned by private persons :

Right Wrong

2) Automobile traffic through the park is forbidden at all times :

Right Wrong

3) With the exception of 5th Avenue, all streets bordering the park change names when they are adjacent to the park :

Right Wrong

4) The park has its own police and its own Medical Unit :

Right Wrong

5) Strawberry Fields dedicated to the memory of John Lennon is named after the Beatles song "Strawberry Fields for Ever" :

Right Wrong

WASHINGTON D.C. QUIZ

- 1) Washington has always been the Capital city of the USA :
Right Wrong
- 2) The Capital occupies land donated by the states of Maryland and Virginia :
Right Wrong
- 3) The letters “DC” mean District of Columbia. This is because
Columbia was a name commonly used for the United States in
the 18th century :
Right Wrong
- 4) The national Capital stands on the banks of the Hudson River :
Right Wrong
- 5) The Federal District is one of the 50 States of the nation :
Right Wrong
- 6) The City has had a mayor and 13 members elected since 1973 only :
Right Wrong
- 7) The overall plan of the City was designed by a French-born
architect Pierre - Charles L’Enfant :
Right Wrong
- 8) The tallest building in the City is the US Capitol :
Right Wrong
- 9) The National Mall, a large open park in downtown Washington,
stretches between the White House and the Capitol :
Right Wrong
- 10) Many museums stand along the National Mall. They are open to
the public free of charge :
Right Wrong
- 11) The White House situated 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue has been
the official residence of American Presidents since 1800
Right Wrong

12) President Thomas Jefferson complained that the White House was “big enough for 2 emperors, one pope and the grand lama in the bargain” :

Right Wrong

13) The reverse side of the \$ 10 banknote features a picture of the White House :

Right Wrong

14) The White House may no longer be visited by tourists for security reasons :

Right Wrong

15) Each year, in the spring, the National Cherry Blossom Festival commemorates the gift of Japanese Cherry Trees to the City of Washington by the mayor of Tokyo :

Right Wrong

16) The Marine Corps Memorial or Iwo Jima Memorial was made after a photograph taken during World War 2 :

Right Wrong

17) Arlington National Cemetery is inside the boundaries of the Federal District :

Right Wrong

18) 6 members of the Kennedy family are buried in Arlington :

Right Wrong

19) The Lincoln Memorial built to honour the 16th President of the USA, Abraham Lincoln in 1922 is in the shape of a Roman Temple :

Right Wrong

20) They are 36 fluted doric columns around the Lincoln Memorial, one for each of the 36 states in the Union at the time of Lincoln’s death :

Right Wrong

21) The Washington monument symbolises the fact that the town of Washington is the federal capital of the USA :

Right Wrong

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN SONGS (I)

YANKEE DOODLE

Yankee Doodle went to town
A-riding on a pony
Stuck a feather in his hat
And called it macaroni.

Yankee Doodle, keep it up
Yankee Doodle dandy
Mind the music and the step
And with the girls be handy.

Father and I went down to camp
Along with Captain Gooding
And there we saw the men and boys
As thick as hasty pudding.

Yankee Doodle, keep it up
Yankee Doodle dandy
Mind the music and the step
And with the girls be handy.

There was Captain Washington
Upon a slapping stallion
A-giving orders to his men
I guess there was a million.

Yankee Doodle, keep it up
Yankee Doodle dandy
Mind the music and the step
And with the girls be handy.

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN SONGS (2)

DIXIE

I wish I was in the land of cotton,
Old times there are not forgotten;
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!
In Dixie's Land where I was born in,
Early on one frosty morning,
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!

Then I wish I was in Dixie! Hooray! Hooray!
In Dixie's Land I'll take my stand, to live and die in Dixie!
Away! Away! Away down South in Dixie!
Away! Away! Away down South in Dixie!

Old Missus married "Will the Weaver";
William was a gay deceiver!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!
But when he put his arm around her,
Smiled as fierce as a forty-pounder!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!

His face was sharp as a butcher's cleaver;
But that did not seem to grieve her!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!
Old Missus acted the foolish part
And died for a man that broke her heart!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!

Now here's a health to the next old missus
And all the gals that want to kiss us!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!
But if you want to drive away sorrow,
Come and hear this song tomorrow!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!

There's buckwheat cakes and Injin batter,
Makes you fat or a little fatter!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!
Then hoe it down and scratch your gravel,
To Dixie's Land I'm bound to travel!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!

PERSONAL NOTES

