

USA Quiz

Welcome to this quiz on the United States. The questions are designed to help you revise and enlarge your knowledge. All the questions deal with topics which you will or have already come across during your English studies. If you do not feel confident, do not panic – the solutions will help you!

1. The American flag is a strong symbol of American identity.

- How many white stars on a blue background do you count?
- How many red and white stripes do you count?
- What do they represent?
 - stars:
 - stripes:

2. Which is the largest and which is the smallest state by land area?

- largest:
- smallest:

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?

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6. What is the Second ~ about (four words, no capital letters, please)?

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7. What is the collection of the first ten citizens' rights called?

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8. Name the following presidents of the United States (first name, surname).

- first president:
- the only president with more than two terms of office:
- 44th president:

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

--..... system

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

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| Democrats | and | are often associated with |
| labour | | industry |
| strong central government | | |
| - | | 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.

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| The legislative branch | • interprets the laws. |
| The executive branch | • makes the laws. |
| The judicial branch | • carries out 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
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14. Which people gave the Statue of Liberty to the USA as a gift?

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

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16. Name three basic American values (one word per bullet).

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

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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.

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19. From 1892 to 1954 about 12 million people passed this territory when immigrating to the US .

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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 (two words)

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 number of vehicles makes the flow of traffic difficult.

23. Connect the correct sentences.

The following statements describe the Jim Crow Era.

In these times whites were legally

Laws permitted the segregation.

Actually practised forms of discrimination were lynching,

Black Americans were treated

Laws were mostly declared unconstitutional

Laws were overruled by

The Jim Crow Era defines a period of

- in 1954 by the Supreme Court in *Brown vs. Board of Education*.
- allowed to segregate blacks.
- the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- to name a few methods, victims were shot, burned alive, thrown off a bridge or dragged behind a vehicle.
- racial discrimination equalling the Apartheid Era in South Africa.
- of races in everyday life.
- as inferior to white Americans.

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

- In public places:
- On public : in buses, trains, trams, ferries, airlines.
- In public facilities, such as

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

(You can tick more than one box.)

26. Complete the sentences!

Talking about the Civil Rights Movement we distinguish between two different methods of pursuing the struggle for equality: These are acts, represented by Martin Luther King, and 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 After World War II the USA got more and more involved in world affairs. This so-called 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 which fact?

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| Barack Obama | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fainted after vomiting on Japan's Prime Minister during a banquet due to a gastroenteritis. |
| George Washington | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• was the first president to be born in a hospital. |
| Harry Truman | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• was the first president to die after only a month in office. |
| William Harrison | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• is the second Catholic president after John F. Kennedy. |
| George Bush | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• did not accept his salary. |
| James Carter | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• has single letter as his second name as his parents could not decide on a specific name. |
| Joe Biden | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• received the Nobel Peace Prize. |

Mission accomplished!