

# The 4th of Juli



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# General information Independence Day

- Federal holiday to remember the liberty of the USA
- On 2nd Juli 1776, the thirteen british colonies voted to approve a resolution of autonomy
- Explaining the statement on Juli 4th, after accepting the declaration by the congress
- Representative people from 13 colonies signed the treaty

# Reasons for Independence

- War between GB and French
  - Colonies should pay lots of tax to rebuild the country after the war
  - High taxes on sugar, tobacco, tea
  - GB didn't support colonies in economy
  - More soldiers from GB in colonies for security
- Anger in colonies
- =====→ Independence war

# History of Juli 4th celebrations

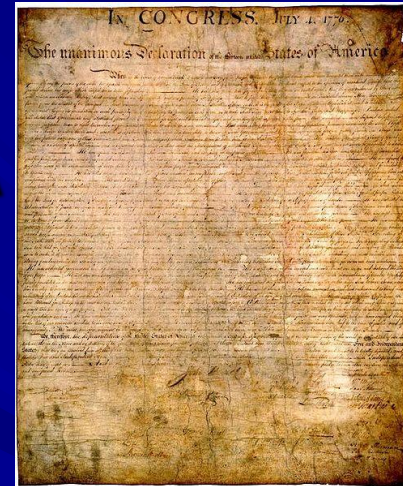
- First celebration on 4th Juli 1776
- 13 guns were shot
  - 13 colonies
- In 1778 every soldier got a double portion Rum

# Declaration of independence

- Statement to get free of GB
- Main writer Thomas Jefferson
- Document of the foundation of USA
- Three parts:
  - a) Natural law:

„... that all men are created equal...”

→ All people are protected by  
they're natural rights



# Declaration of Independence

- b) Forbidden acts of the royal government:
- Didn't accept important laws in colonies
  - Handicapped trading and immigration
  - started war against own population
- c) Cognition, that an own independent state was necessary







# 4th Juli today

- Federal holiday
- American flags everywhere
- Parades, concerts or fireworks
- Patriotic songs:
  - „ Star Spangled Banner“, „God Bless America“, „Stars And Stripes Forever“
- Things happening on 4th Juli often seen as a sign of the universe



