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A Declaration of Freedom

The Declaration of Independence is one of the most important documents in America's history. In this document, the American colonies state their independence from Britain, the nation that ruled them for many years. Written by Thomas Jefferson and adopted in 1776, the Declaration of Independence outlines the ideals the new nation would be based on. The document was approved on July 4. This date is now celebrated as the birthday of the United States. It is also known as Independence Day.

How It All Started

Europeans first began to settle in North America in the late 1500s. People settled in the new land to start a new life. Some wanted the opportunity they could not get in their own countries. Others sought out freedom. They were drawn to their home countries. Over generations, many settlers came from England, but many came from other countries, too. By 1773, however, all of the 13 colonies were governed by England. The colonies were part of the British Empire, and citizens had to follow British laws. The 13 original colonies were Virginia, Massachusetts, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, North Carolina, South Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. By 1775, there were about 2.5 million settlers in the colonies.

The new nation: the original 13 colonies



	1788	1789	1790	1791
The day the states agreed to join together, marking the beginning of independence.	<p>1788: The first state to ratify the Constitution was Delaware.</p>	<p>1789: The Constitution was signed in Philadelphia.</p>	<p>1790: The first state to ratify the Constitution was New York.</p>	<p>1791: The Constitution was ratified by all 13 states.</p>

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