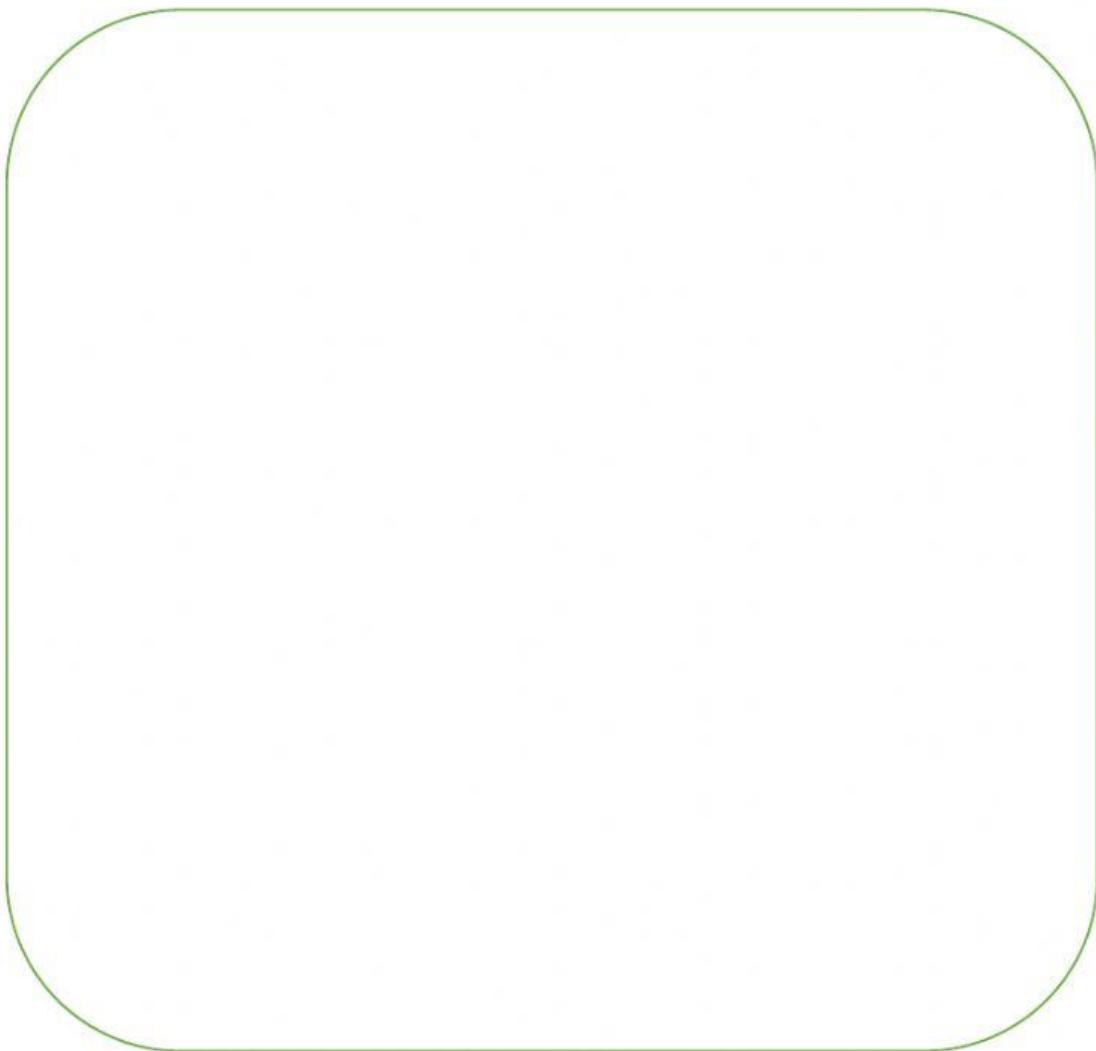


Why we celebrate the Fourth of July



Also called the Fourth of July, Independence Day marks the historic date in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. The written declaration stated that the American colonies were tired of being ruled by Great Britain. They wanted to become their own country.

VOCABULARY: MATCH THE PICTURES TO THEIR CORRECT NAMES.



APPLE PIE



HAMBURGER



CORN ON THE COB



HOT DOG



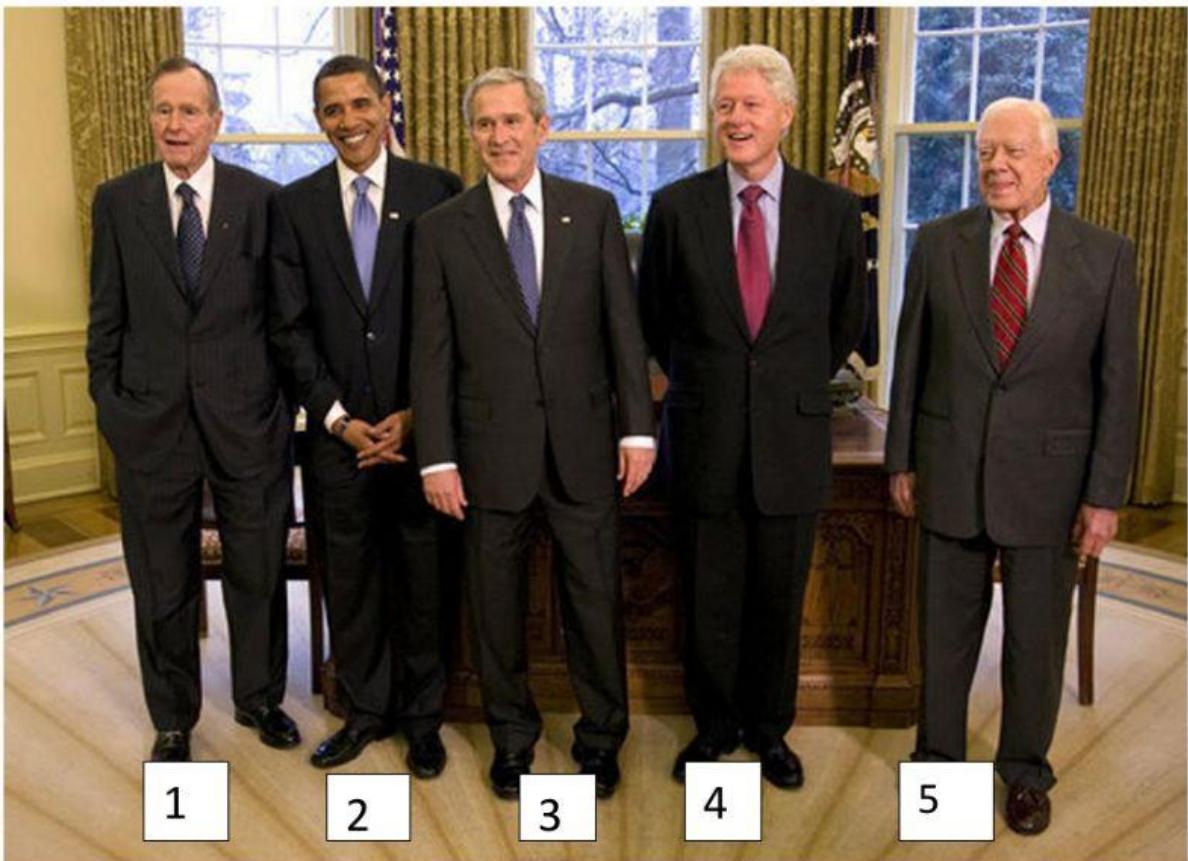
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Reading Comprehension. **True or False?**

1. Twenty colonies rebelled against the control of Great Britain.
2. On July 4th 1776, the Declaration of Independence was officially adopted.
3. Thomas Jefferson wrote most of the Declaration.
4. The American flag is red, white, blue and green.
5. People go to outdoor events on 4th of July.

6. It is in the Declaration of the Independence: “People are created equal and have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”.
7. Americans don’t celebrate this date.
8. The **50 stars** on the American flag represent the 50 U.S. states, and the **13 stripes** represent the thirteen British colonies that declared independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Do you know them?



Presidents of Modern Times:

Jimmy Carter

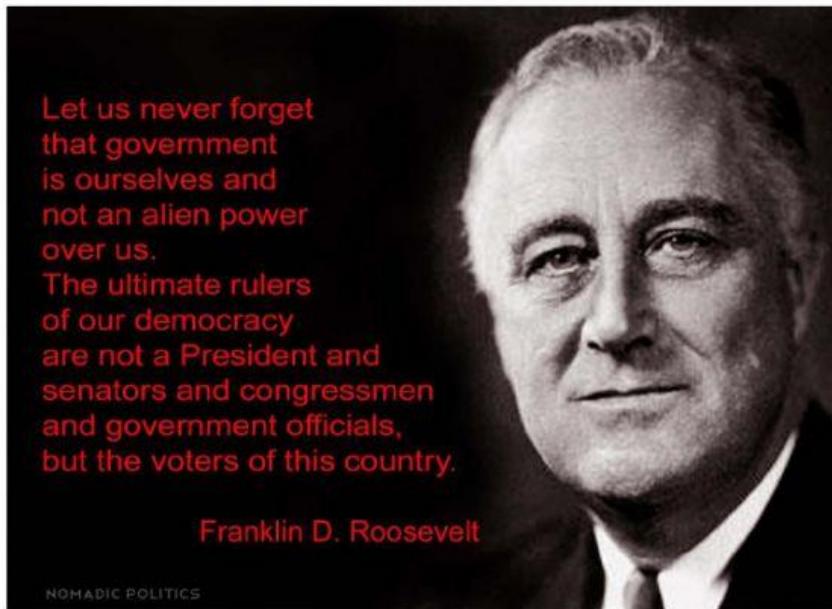
Bill Clinton

Barack Obama

George W. Bush (father)

George W. Bush (son)

Some of “The Greatest”:



Let us never forget
that government
is ourselves and
not an alien power
over us.

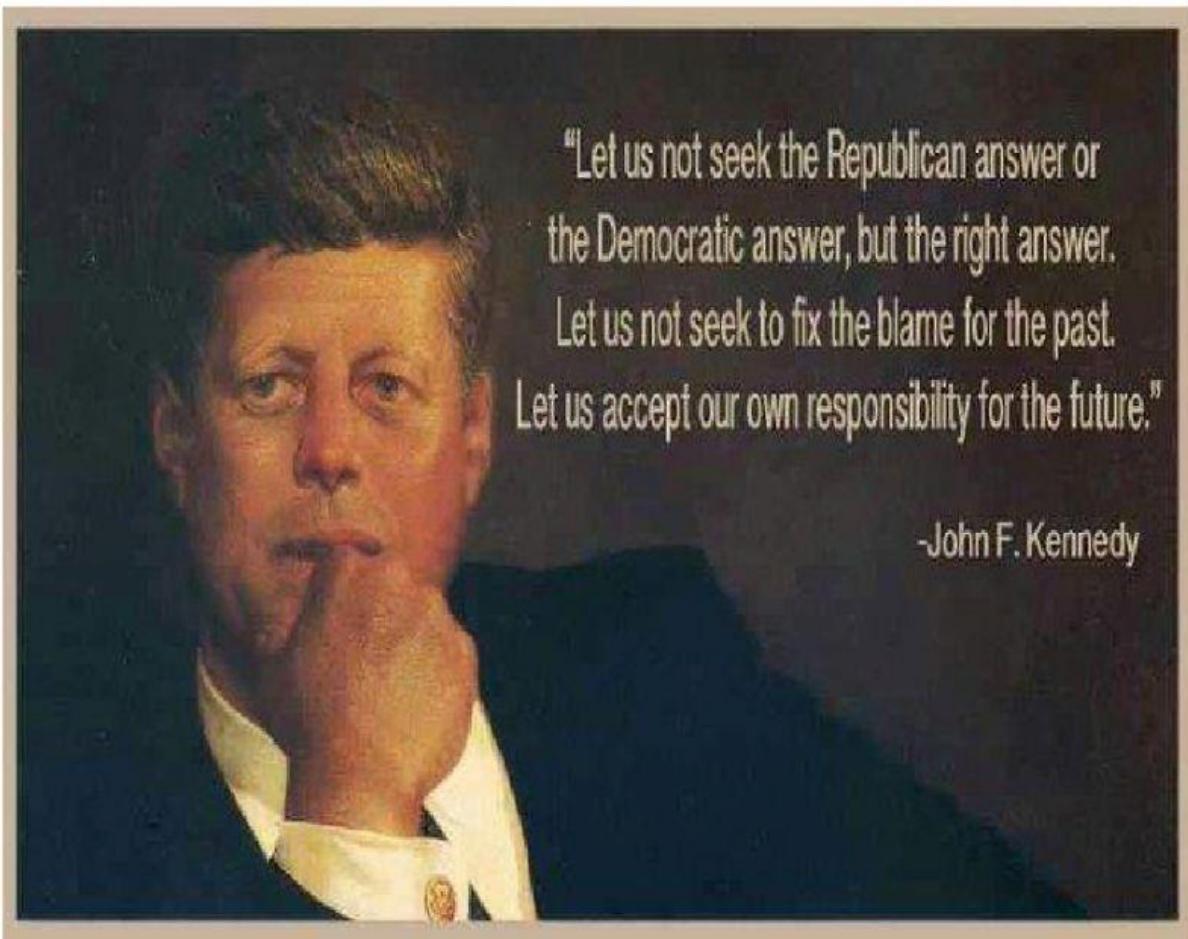
The ultimate rulers
of our democracy
are not a President and
senators and congressmen
and government officials,
but the voters of this country.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Assuming the Presidency at the depth of the Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt helped the American people regain faith in themselves. He brought hope as he promised prompt, vigorous action, and asserted in his Inaugural Address, **“the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”**

1. According to FDR, who are the ultimate rulers of our democracy?

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2. According to JFK, who is responsible for the future of the country?

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George Washington



I can only say that there is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do to see a plan adopted for the abolition of slavery.

AZ QUOTES

3. **George Washington was the First President of the United States. Was he against or for the abolition of slavery?**

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George Washington said this sentence in 1797 but only 66 years later slavery was abolished in the United States.

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.

~Abraham Lincoln

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4. **Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. It became one of the greatest documents of human freedom. According to Lincoln, people who deny freedom to others (do / don't) deserve it for themselves.**