

Worksheet 3

TEACHER'S NOTES

1. How many stars are there in our flag? 50
2. What do the stars on the flag mean? One for each state in the Union.
3. How many stripes are there in the flag? 13
4. What do the stripes on the flag mean? They represent the original 13 states.
5. How many states are there in the Union? 50
6. What is the 4th of July? Independence Day.
7. Who was the first President of the United States? George Washington
8. Who elects the President of the United States? The electoral college
9. For how long do we elect the President? Four years
10. What are the three branches of our government? Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary
11. How many representatives are there in Congress? 435
13. What are the 49th and 50th states of the Union? Alaska and Hawaii
14. How many terms can the President serve? 2
15. Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.? A civil rights leader
16. What is the head executive of a state government called? Governor
17. What holiday was celebrated for the first time by the Americans colonists? Thanksgiving
18. Who was the main writer of the Declaration of Independence? Thomas Jefferson
19. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted? July 4, 1776
20. What is the national anthem of the United States? The Star-Spangled Banner
21. Where does freedom of speech come from? The Bill of Rights
22. Who was the President during the Civil War? Abraham Lincoln
23. Which President is called the "Father of our country"? George Washington
24. What is the name of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America? The Mayflower
25. Who has the power to declare the war? The Congress
26. What kind of government does the United States have? Democracy
27. Which President freed the slaves? Abraham Lincoln
28. In what year was the Constitution written? 1787
29. Where does Congress meet? In the Capitol in Washington, D.C.
30. What is the White House? The President's official home
31. Where is the White House located? Washington, D.C. (1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.)
32. What are the 2 major political parties in the U.S. today? Democratic and Republican

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