



## **THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FREEDOM ANSWER KEY**

### **1. Why do Americans celebrate the Fourth of July?**

- a) It was the day the Revolutionary War ended**
- b) It was the day the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence**
- c) It was the day George Washington became the country's first president**

**ANSWER: B.**

### **2. Who wrote the original draft of the Declaration of Independence?**

- a) Thomas Jefferson**
- b) Benjamin Franklin**
- c) John Hancock**

**ANSWER: A.**

### **3. How long did it take Thomas Jefferson to write the Declaration of Independence?**

- a) A few days**
- b) A few months**
- c) About 2 1/2 weeks**

**ANSWER: C. Jefferson was part of a committee chosen to write the Declaration. It was called the Committee of Five, but the other four members appointed Jefferson to write the document while they offered changes and suggestions.**



**4. Who was on the committee chosen to write the Declaration of Independence with Thomas Jefferson?**

- a) Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman.**
- b) Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, John Hancock, and Paul Revere**
- c) Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, John Hancock, and James Madison**

**ANSWER: A. Robert Livingston represented New York and Roger Sherman represented Connecticut in the Second Continental Congress.**

**5. One of the two delegates from New York and Connecticut never signed the Declaration of Independence. Which one?**

- a) Robert Livingston**
- b) Roger Sherman**

**ANSWER: A. Robert Livingston was called back to New York before the official signing.**

**6. When was the signing of the official Declaration of Independence completed?**

- a) July 4, 1776**
- b) July 5, 1776**
- c) August 2, 1776.**

**ANSWER: C. The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 3, 1776, but the signing was not completed until almost a**



month later.

**7. Which dollar bill depicts the signing of the Declaration of Independence?**

- a) The \$50 bill
- b) The \$100 bill
- c) The \$2 bill

**ANSWER: C.**

**8. Who was president of the Second Continental Congress at the time the Declaration of Independence was adopted?**

- a) John Hancock
- b) John Adams
- c) Benjamin Franklin

**ANSWER: A. He was also the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence, and he did so in a large, flamboyant style so there would be no mistaking his name.**

**9. What two signers of the Declaration of Independence died within hours of each other?**

- a) John Adams and Thomas Jefferson
- b) John Adams and Roger Sherman
- c) Thomas Jefferson and John Hancock

**ANSWER: A. Both died on July 4, 1826.**



**10. What year was the Fourth of July declared a legal holiday?**

- a) 1941**
- b) 1935**
- c) 1910**

**ANSWER: A.**