

# Happy Birthday, AMERICA!

## Fun Facts

- Fireworks were invented in China about one thousand years ago.
- The first fireworks were yellow.
- In 1776 people wrote with pens made from bird feathers.

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 In this book you will read about the Fourth of July! You will learn why this holiday is important.

 **Vocabulary**

freedom  
President  
citizen

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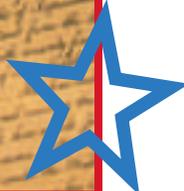




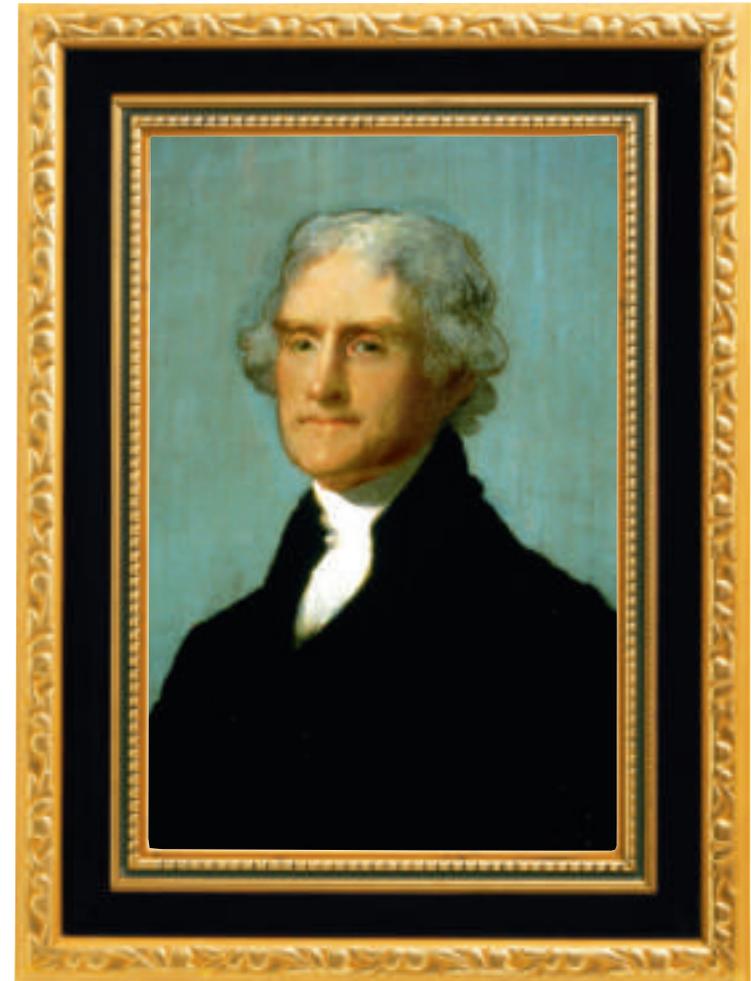
This is the Declaration of Independence.  
It gave Americans **freedom**.



Thomas Jefferson helped write the Declaration.  
It was approved on July 4, 1776.



The Declaration of Independence



Thomas Jefferson





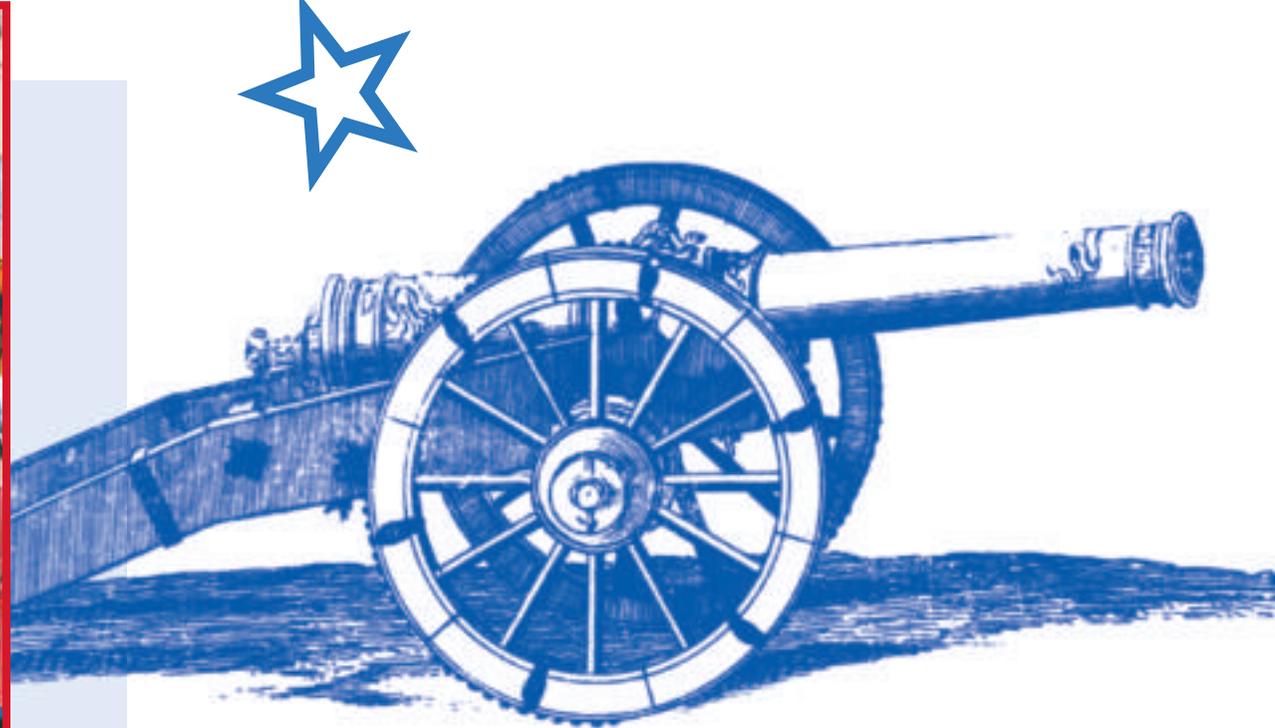
George Washington was our first **President.**



In 1777 Independence Day was celebrated.



*George Washington*



*Cannons were fired on July 4, 1777.*





On July 4 fireworks shoot up into the sky.



Many **citizens** have parades.



Americans watch fireworks on the Fourth of July.



People have parades on the Fourth of July.



# Glossary

**citizen** a member of a state and country

**freedom** a person's right to make choices

**President** our country's leader

## Write to It!

People do many special things on the Fourth of July.

What do you do on the Fourth of July? Write one sentence about your ideas.

Write your sentence on another sheet of paper.



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