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United States

10
Questions
Guaranteed
to Tickle Your
Curious Brain!

Work with a classmate and try to answer these trivia questions about the United States.

Then watch the video to check your answers!

1. What was the population of the United States at the start of 2020?
 - a) 289 million
 - b) 331 million
 - c) 402 million
2. What is the capital city of the United States?
 - a) New York
 - b) Washington, D.C.
 - c) Chicago
3. What is the second most widely spoken language in the USA after English?
 - a) Spanish
 - b) Chinese
 - c) French
4. What is the largest state in the United States?
 - a) California
 - b) Alaska
 - c) Texas
5. When did the United States declare independence from England?
 - a) 1867
 - b) 1492
 - c) 1776
6. How many stars are there on the American flag?
 - a) 50
 - b) 51
 - c) 52
7. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from which of the following countries?
 - a) Italy
 - b) England
 - c) France
8. About how many tornados hit the USA every year?
 - a) ten
 - b) one hundred
 - c) one thousand
9. According to TV ratings, which is the most popular sport in the USA?
 - a) baseball
 - b) basketball
 - c) football
10. The United States bought Alaska from which country in 1867?
 - a) Canada
 - b) Russia
 - c) Sweden

9 – 10 correct = eagle!

7 – 8 correct = bear

6 or Less correct = beaver

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Watch the video again and try to answer these questions!

1. Which two countries have populations larger than that of the USA?

_____ and _____

2. What does "D.C." mean in "Washington, D.C."?

_____ of _____

3. How many Spanish speakers are there in the U.S.?

_____ million

4. The video mentions which two countries, combined, that are smaller than Alaska?

_____ and _____

5. When is American Independence Day?

on _____

6. How many states are there in the United States?

7. When did France give the Statue of Liberty to the USA?

in _____

8. How many people were killed by tornados in the US in 2011?

9. What are the second and third most popular sports in the United States?

_____ and _____

10. How much did the United States pay to Russia for Alaska?

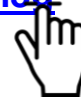
_____ dollars

Teaching Focus 'United States' Topic Introduction
Level Intermediate to Advanced

Time Approx 30 mins

ACTIVITY NOTES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CkHjLJQJm34>



Page 1

- Use this multiple-choice quiz (5:13) to introduce the topic of **the United States**.
- Distribute one copy of the first page to your learners seated in pairs. Give them a set time limit (depending on their level) to read, discuss and answer the questions in pairs.
- You may want to ask your learners to compare a few of their answers with their other classmates.
- Play the video all the way through without stopping. As they watch, your learners can confirm their answers and correct any mistakes.

Page 2 (optional extension activity)

- Distribute a copy of the second page to the same learners seated in pairs. (Save paper by using the photocopier to double-side Page 1 and Page 2!)
- Ask your learners to write the answers to any questions they can remember.
- Have your learners watch the video a second time to complete unanswered questions.
- Elicit and confirm answers from your students after the video has ended.

Follow up Discussion (optional)

- Have learners follow up with these (or similar) questions related to the video:

What is the population of your own country? / state?

Have you ever visited the capital city of your country / Washington, D.C.?

What languages can you speak?

Would you like to live in Alaska? Why? / Why not?

How do people celebrate Independence Day / National Day in your country?

Etc.

ANSWER KEY

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1. b (331 million)
2. b (Washington, D.C.)
3. a (Spanish)
4. b (Alaska)
5. c (1776)
6. a (50)
7. c (France)
8. c (one thousand)
9. c (football)
10. b (Russia)

Page 2

1. China and India
2. District of Columbia
3. 41 million
4. the U.K. and France
5. on July 4
6. 50
7. in 1886
8. 553
9. baseball and basketball
10. 7.2 million dollars

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"grayscale" in your
printer settings to
save on color ink!

