



Interesting Facts about USA - Geography, Polity, National Flag

Hey aspirant, welcome back to our captivating “**Know your Country**” series. This time, we invite you to join on an exploration of the remarkable country that is USA. USA is a diverse and vibrant country with wide range of attractions and experience.

USA known as **United State of America**. Uncle Sam is both the official nickname and official symbol of the United States. On September 7, 1813, the United States officially earned the nickname Uncle Sam. The U.S. is a country of 50 states covering a vast swath of North America, with Alaska in the northwest and Hawaii extending the nation’s presence into the Pacific Ocean. The country began expanding across North America, spanning the continent by 1848. Sectional division over slavery led to the secession of the Confederate States. Before looking at different aspects, one must know the country **Symbols of the particular country**.



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USA	
Official Name	United States of America
Capital	Washington, D.C
Continent	North America
President	Joseph R. Biden
Currency	United States dollar
Language	American English
Religion	Christianity
National Flag	
National Anthem	The Star-Spangled Banner
National Game	Baseball
National Bird	Bald Eagle
National Tree	The Oak
National Flower	Rose
National Animal	Bald Eagle and The American Bison

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[Source: Wallpapers.com]

So now, let's move on the first aspect of the blog i.e. **History of USA**.

History of USA

The European colonization of the Americas began in the late 15th century, however most colonies in what would later become the United States were settled after 1600. By the 1760s, the thirteen British colonies contained 2.5 million people and were established along the Atlantic Coast east of the Appalachian Mountains.

Ancient Period:

The Declaration of Independence proclaimed that the American colonies were separating from British rule, and detailed the reasons. On July 4, 1776, Congress voted to accept the Declaration of Independence, marking July 4 as Independence Day. Thomas Jefferson, the principal author, drafted the document in 17 days. The United States became the world's leading industrial power at the turn of the 20th century, due to an outburst of entrepreneurship and industrialization and the arrival of millions of immigrant workers and farmers.

Medieval period:

The Americas did not really have a medieval period because there was never a true system of feudalism established by the societies that lived in the hemisphere. Many Amerindian societies remained nomadic or semi-nomadic, and even many of the settled ones were fairly egalitarian.

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Colonial period:

American colonization started in 1607 and ended between the years of 1776 to 1783. The ending year of American colonization aligns with the Declaration of Independence by the United States of America in 1776 and the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783. The eastern portion of North America was primarily colonized.



[Source: Ushistory]

Cricket was once one of the most popular sports in the United States, until baseball became entrenched as America's game during the Civil War. Now, the sport that was first played in England is seeing a resurgence across the pond, thanks in part to thriving South Asian immigrant communities who revere the game. Despite its relative economic self-sufficiency in many areas, the United States is the most important single factor in world trade by virtue of the sheer size of its economy. Its exports and imports represent major proportions of the world total.

Independence and Beyond:

The period following the Revolutionary War was one of instability and change. The end of monarchical rule, evolving governmental structures, religious fragmentation, challenges to the family system, economic flux, and massive population shifts all led to heightened uncertainty and insecurity.

Before going further we will get discuss about **the events of the country**.

Here is the timeline of some key events in USA:



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- **1770:** Declaration of Independence.
- **1780:** Constitution of the United States of America.
- **1860:** Battle of Gettysburg.
- **1870:** Battle of the Little Bighorn.
- **1900:** Breakup of Northern Securities.
- **1920:** Stock Market Crash.
- **1940:** The Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- **1980:** PATCO Strike.
- **2000:** Although terrorist attacks had been directed at the United States at the end of the 20th century.

The timeline showcases USA as a rich and diverse history in a simple way. Let's move on to the next aspect of this blog i.e. **Geographical Aspects**.

Geographical Aspects of USA

The United States has very diverse geography. It consists of four regions: the northeast, midwest, west, and south. It is a large country with mountain ranges, rivers, lakes, and oceanic coasts. It is the third largest country in the world in both size and total population.

Demographical Aspects:

The United States is home to a population of 330M people, from which 93.4% are citizens. As of 2023, 13.6% of United States residents were born outside of the country. In 2023, there were 4.88 times more White residents in the United States than any other race or ethnicity.





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[Source: Hippo Haven]

These trends include an unprecedented stagnation in population growth, a continued decrease in Americans' geographical mobility, more pronounced population aging, a first-time decline in the size of the white population, and rising racial and ethnic diversity among millennials, Gen Z, and younger groups.

Soil and Vegetation:

In USA the addition of organic matter from leaf fall in forests or root growth in grasslands built up fertile soils with high agricultural capacity. And the best of these soils for agriculture are those developed on deposits of loess, windblown silt such as that covering much of the American Midwest. Actual vegetation varies from the cacti of the Southwest to the dense, brushy chaparral of southern California and the mesquite of Texas. The tundra of the far North is the result of a climate that is too cold and too dry for the growth of vegetation other than grasses, lichens, and mosses.

Climate and Weather:

The climate of the United States varies due to changes in latitude, and a range of geographic features, including mountains and deserts. Generally, on the mainland, the climate of the U.S. becomes warmer the further south one travels, and drier the further west, until one reaches the West Coast.

Now, let's look at the **Political Aspects of USA**.

Political Aspects of USA

The United States is a representative democracy. This means that our government is elected by citizens. Here, citizens vote for their government officials. The US has American-style democracy, China has Chinese-style democracy, and other countries have their own unique models of democracy that suit their respective national conditions.

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[Source: President.pl]

- **Legislature:** The legislative branch of the U.S. government is called Congress. Congress has two parts, the Senate and the House of Representatives. Congress meets in the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, DC. to the President.
- **Judiciary:** All Justices are nominated by the President, confirmed by the Senate, and hold their offices under life tenure. Since Justices do not have to run or campaign for re-election, they are thought to be insulated from political pressure when deciding cases.
- **Executive:** The executive branch is headed by the president and is independent of the legislature. Legislative power is vested in the two chambers of Congress: the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The judicial branch (or judiciary), composed of the Supreme Court and lower federal courts, exercises judicial power . The Constitution establishes a federal democratic republic form of government. That is, we have an indivisible union of 50 sovereign States. It is a democracy because people govern themselves. It is representative because people choose elected officials by free and secret ballot.

So now, let's look at the **Culture of USA**.

Culture of USA

The culture of the United States of America, also referred to as American culture, encompasses various social behaviors, institutions, and norms in the United States, including forms of speech, literature, music, visual arts, performing arts, food, religion, law, technology as well as other customs, beliefs, and forms

Language:

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The United States does not have an official language at the federal level, but the most commonly used language is English.

Cuisine:

American cuisine includes milkshakes, barbecue, and a wide range of fried foods. Many quintessential American dishes are unique takes on food originally from other culinary traditions, including pizza, hot dogs, and Tex-Mex.

Festivals:

Mardi Gras festival, one of the most famous and colourful annual festivals celebrated in New Orleans, USA,

Performing Art:

The four major performing arts of India are dance, music, theatre and film. Following are the types of Performing Arts of India: Dance: Indian Dance dates back to the earliest Indus Valley Civilization.

Sporting Culture:

Historically, the national sport has been baseball. However, in more recent decades, American football has been the most popular sport in USA of broadcast viewership audience.

Art and Craft:

The American Arts and Crafts movement was inextricably linked to the British movement and closely aligned with the work of William Morris and the second generation of architect-designers, including Charles Robert Ashbee.

Cultural values:

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Multiculturalism:

Although official multiculturalism policy is not established at the federal level, ethnic and cultural diversity is common in rural, suburban and urban areas. Continuous mass immigration was a feature of the United States economy and society since the first half of the 19th century.

Indigenous Heritage:

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Native Americans, sometimes called American Indians, First Americans or Indigenous Americans, are the Indigenous peoples of the United States or portions thereof, such as American Indians from the contiguous United States and Alaska Natives.



[Source: Hindustan Times]

Education of USA

In the United States, education is provided in public and private schools and by individuals through homeschooling. The U.S. is governed by federal, state, and local education policy. Education is compulsory for all children, but the age at which one can discontinue schooling varies by state and is from 14 to 18 years old. Free public education is typically provided from Kindergarten (ages 5 and 6) to 12th Grade.

Economy of USA

America is the world's largest national economy and leading global trader. The process of opening world markets and expanding trade. Expanding the production of America's most competitive industries and products, through exports, raises U.S. incomes. Shifting production to the most competitive areas of our economy helps raise the productivity of the average American worker and through that the income they earn. With the ability to serve a global market, investment is encouraged in our expanding export sectors and the rising scale of output helps lower average production costs.

The U.S. economy is the world's largest in terms of gross domestic product, and also the most technologically powerful. The country's significant exports include computers and electrical machinery, vehicles, chemical products, food, live animals and military equipment.

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[Source: Thrive project]

Now, let's check out **some interesting facts about USA**.

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The world's 4th Longest River System is in the USA. The USA ranks number 1 for hosting International students. The United States is one of the biggest and most well-known countries on earth! From McDonalds to Hollywood movies, American culture has spread far and wide.

1. **Statue of Liberty:** The Statue of Liberty is a 305-foot (93-metre) statue located on Liberty Island in Upper New York Bay, off the coast of New York City. The statue is a personification of liberty in the form of a woman. She holds a torch in her raised right hand and clutches a tablet in her left.
2. **Times Square:** Times Square is a major commercial intersection, tourist destination, entertainment hub, and neighborhood in Midtown Manhattan, New York City
3. **White House:** Times Square is a major commercial intersection, tourist destination, entertainment hub, and neighborhood in Midtown Manhattan, New York City.
4. **Disney World:** The Walt Disney World Resort, also called Walt Disney World or Disney World, or simply abbreviated WDW, is an entertainment resort complex in Bay Lake and Lake Buena Vista, Florida, United States, governed by the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District.
5. **George Washington Bridge:** It is not only the busiest bridge in the U.S. but the busiest bridge in the world, with more than a quarter of a million motor vehicles passing over the bridge every single day.



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[Source: Dipositphoto]

The United States had almost all the attributes of a great power it stood ahead or nearly ahead of almost all other countries in terms of population, geographic size and location on two oceans, economic resources, and military potential. The United States of America is a North American nation that is the world's most dominant economic and military power.

So, this is all for today. If you like this blog, do check out our blog on the country [Jordan](#). We will meet again with some another interesting facts about some other countries. Till then stay tuned!