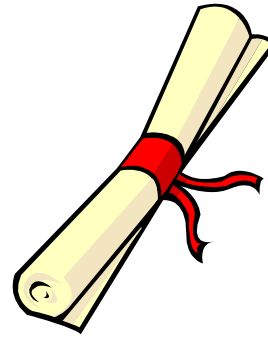




Independence Day



The day is regarded as the birthday of the United States as a free and independent nation. Most Americans simply call it the 'Fourth of July', on which date it always falls.

The holiday recalls the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

At that time, the people of the 13th British colonies located along the eastern coast.

The war began in 1775. As the war continued the colonists realized that they were fighting not just for better treatment; they were fighting for freedom from England's rule.

The Declaration of Independence, signed by leaders from the colonies, stated this clearly, and for the first time in an official document the colonies were referred to as the United States of America.

Generally, picnics with patriotic speeches and parades are held over the United States on the Fourth of July. Every July fourth, Americans have a holiday from work. The afternoon activities would not be complete without music, a friendly baseball game, and a pie-eating. Some cities have parades. And wherever Americans are around the globe, they will get together for a traditional 4th of July Celebration!

Words:

independence – независимость;
to regard – рассматривать, считать;
to recall – напоминать;
signing – подписание;
to locate – располагаться;
coast – побережье;
to realize – понимать;
to fight – сражаться;
treatment – обращение;
rule – управление, господство;
to state – устанавливать;
to refer – относить, определять;
to hold (held, held) – поддерживать, праздноваться;
to get together – собираться вместе.