



# Independence Day

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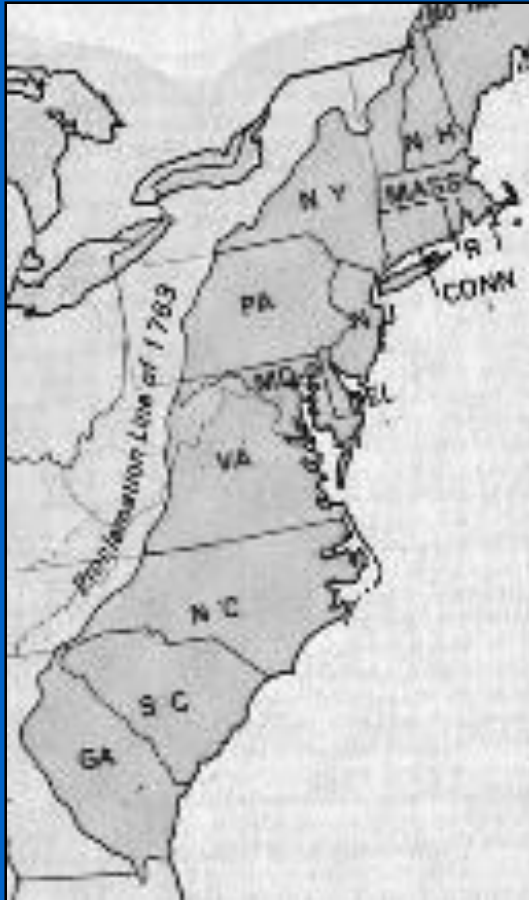
- American Independence Day is July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- It is a special day to celebrate the birth of our country.

# Great Britain

- The 13 American colonies used to belong to Great Britain.
- Great Britain is in Europe.



# 13 Colonies



- The American colonies were located on the east coast along the Atlantic Ocean.



# Colonists

- People who lived in the colonies were called colonists.
- The colonists had to pay taxes to the King of Great Britain.






# High Taxes

- The King of Great Britain made the colonists pay taxes, but he didn't let them vote.
- The colonists were angry because they had to pay taxes but they couldn't vote.



# Revolutionary War

- The colonists formed an army and went to war with Great Britain.
- This war is called the American Revolutionary War.
- It lasted from 1775-1783.



# Peace Treaty

- France, Spain, Canada and the Netherlands helped the American colonists fight the war.
- The war ended in 1778 when the *Treaty of Paris* was signed.



# United States

- The *Treaty of Paris* recognized the new nation--*The United States of America*.





# Happy Fourth of July

- We celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks to honor our independence.
- Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!



# The End