

Q1: Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July?

A1: Because the Fourth of July is the birthday of the American people — the day we chose to become the United States of America, a free nation.

Q2: Why was America different from all other countries?

A2: Because in 1776, all countries were based on nationality, religion, ethnicity or geography. But America was created on the basis of a set of ideas. This is still true today.

Q3: What are those ideas?

A3: Three ideas summarize what America is all about. They are engraved on every American coin. They are “Liberty,” “In God We Trust” and “E Pluribus Unum.”

READER No. 4: “Liberty” means that we are free to pursue our dreams and to go as far in life as hard work and good luck will take us.

READER No. 5: “In God We Trust” means that America was founded on the belief that our rights and liberties have been granted to us by the Creator. Therefore they cannot be taken away by people.

READER No. 6: “E Pluribus Unum” is a Latin phrase meaning “From Many, One.” Unlike other countries, America is composed of people of every religious, racial, ethnic, cultural and national origin — and regards every one of them as equally American. Therefore, “out of many people we become one” — Americans.