

Freedom's Feast INDEPENDENCE DAY

On-line resources to get the most out of your AMERICAN holiday Celebrations.



Table Talk Conversation Starters

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

1. Please share your Fourth of July memories with me.
2. How did you celebrate July 4th when you were my age?
3. Did you spend time with your family? If so, what kind of things did you do?
4. Do you have a favorite July 4th memory?

Life

1. When and why did our family come to America?
2. What was it like growing up when you were a child?
3. What was similar and what was different from how my life is today?
4. Is there a favorite family story about being Americans that you would like to share with me?
5. Do you have any photos, post cards, or belongings from your parents or previous generations that you can show me?



Liberty

1. What freedoms did you or another member of our family seek in coming to the United States? Did you have a choice in coming here?
2. What freedoms have you/do you continue to fight/advocate for?
3. What freedoms do you want the most for me (and my generation) in the future?

Pursuit of Happiness

1. What does the American Dream mean to you?
2. What are your hopes and dreams for what the future holds for me?
3. What do you dream for the future of our family? What do you dream for our country?

Try our [American Family Dream Quilt Keepsake](#) project! Thanks to our partners [CMOM: The Children's Museum of Manhattan](#) for their collaboration on this very special project. Please visit us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to share your experiences and visit us again on [Labor Day!](#) Enjoy!



LABOR DAY



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MLK DAY



PRESIDENTS' DAY



MEMORIAL DAY



People who disagree have an argument, but people who dissent have a quarrel ... Disagreement is the lifeblood of democracy, dissension is its cancer.

DANIEL BOORSTIN
LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS
1914-2004

Patriotism is easy to understand in America - it means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country.

CALVIN COOLIDGE
30TH U.S. PRESIDENT
1872-1933

We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it.

WILLIAM FAULKNER
AUTHOR
1897-1962

America was established not to create wealth but to realize a vision, to realize an ideal - to discover and maintain liberty among men.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT
26TH U.S. PRESIDENT
1858-1919

The universe is made of stories, not atoms.

MURIEL RUKEYSER
POET
1913-1980