

Did you know?

- The United States of America is the fourth largest country in the world by land area (9.83 million km²) and third by population (around 317 million).
- The bald eagle is the national bird and symbol of the United States; it is a protected species.
- The Mississippi and Missouri Rivers combine to form the longest river system in the U.S. and the fourth longest in the world (3709 miles, or 5969 km).
- 26 states in the United States have names which come from Native American languages.
- Native Americans do not speak one language. English is their primary language, but nearly 250 tribal languages are still spoken as a second language.
- The United States has 59 national parks. In 1872, Yellowstone National Park was established as the country's first national park. It was also the world's first!
- The Statue of Liberty has seven rays on her crown that represent the Sun, the seven continents and the seven seas. Each measures up to 2.5 m long and weighs as much as 68 kg.
- At 134 °F (56 °C), the hottest temperature recorded in the United States was in Death Valley, California on 10th July 1913.
- The religious leader of each Native American tribe was called the shaman or medicine man.
- A pow wow is a Native American social gathering of individuals from different tribes. The largest pow wow, called the 'Gathering of Nations', is held every year in the sports arena at the University of New Mexico.
- The national flower of the United States is the rose, and the national anthem is called *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

