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Independence Day

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Independence Day Topical Teaching Resources

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FACT SHEETS:	
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Discover the background behind the event and when it's celebrated in America.	Discover other countries who celebrate the day and the most common symbol for the day.

THINKITS:	
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Discuss how Independence Day is celebrated.	Discuss why the Declaration of Independence is important to America.

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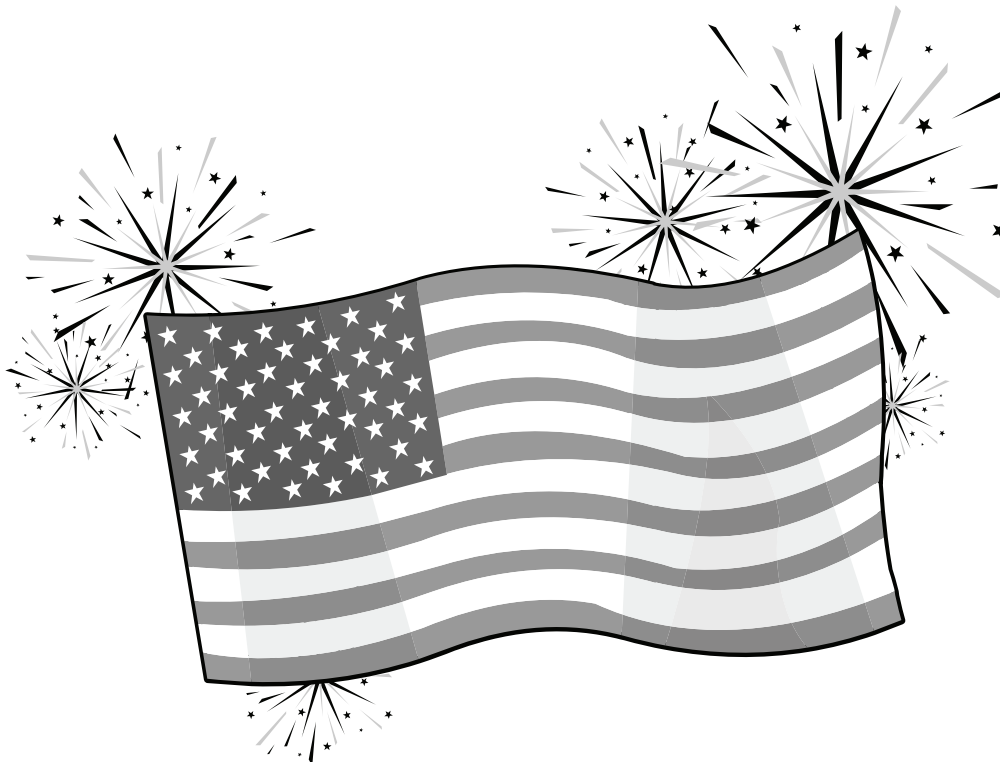
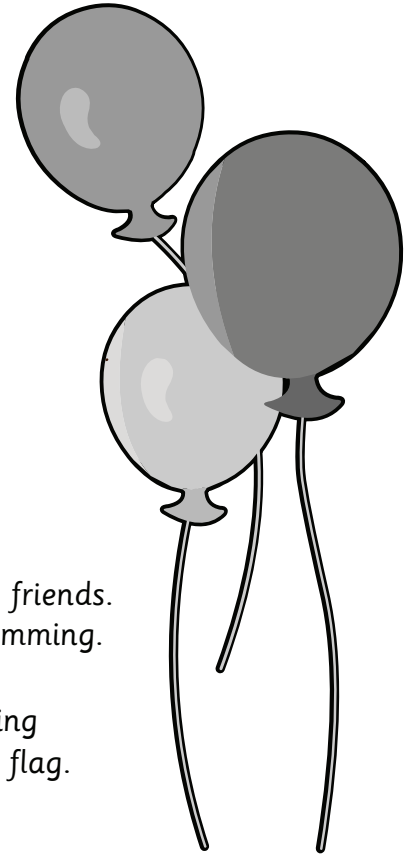
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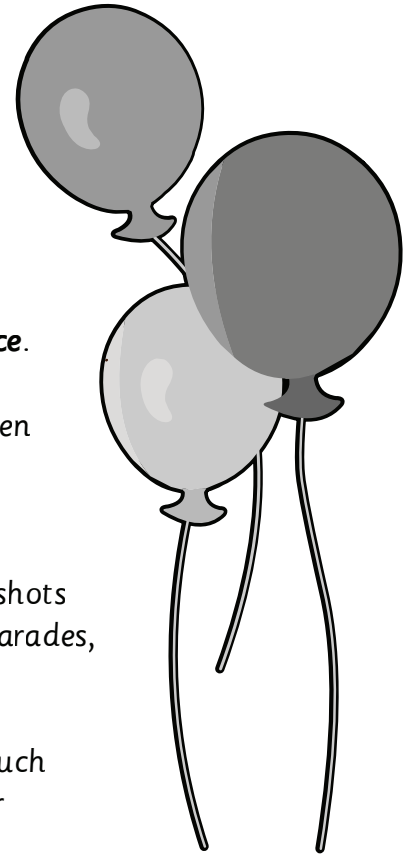
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- Independence Day is a national holiday. It is celebrated on July 4th. Some people call the holiday the Fourth of July.
- The holiday is a time to celebrate the birthday of the United States of America.
- The United States was “born” on July 4, 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was approved.
- The Declaration of Independence said that the British would no longer rule the American colonies.
- Today, we often celebrate Independence Day with families and friends. We gather together for summer activities like barbecues and swimming.
- People often wear red, white, and blue clothing or decorate using those colors. This is because they are the colors in the American flag.
- The most common symbol for the day is the American flag. The national song, “The Star-Spangled Banner,” is often played.
- Some other songs you may hear on Independence Day are “America the Beautiful,” “My Country ‘Tis of Thee,” “This Land Is Your Land,” “Yankee Doodle,” and “You’re a Grand Old Flag.”



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- The **Declaration of Independence** is a statement that was written to let the world know that the thirteen colonies in America considered themselves to be independent of British rule.
- To celebrate the USA’s first birthday on **July 4, 1777**, thirteen shots were fired for the thirteen colonies, there were speeches and parades, and fireworks in the evening.
- Today, United States citizens celebrate Independence Day in much the same way, with families and friends gathering together for summer activities like barbecues and swimming.
- About 2.5 million people celebrated the **first Independence Day**. Now, almost 320 million across the United States celebrate the day.
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- Some other countries also celebrate America’s **Independence Day**. **For example**, Denmark holds the largest Fourth of July celebration outside of the United States. They do this because in the late 1800s many Danish people moved to the U.S. seeking a better life for their families. Now the people of Denmark honor the United States for welcoming their ancestors.

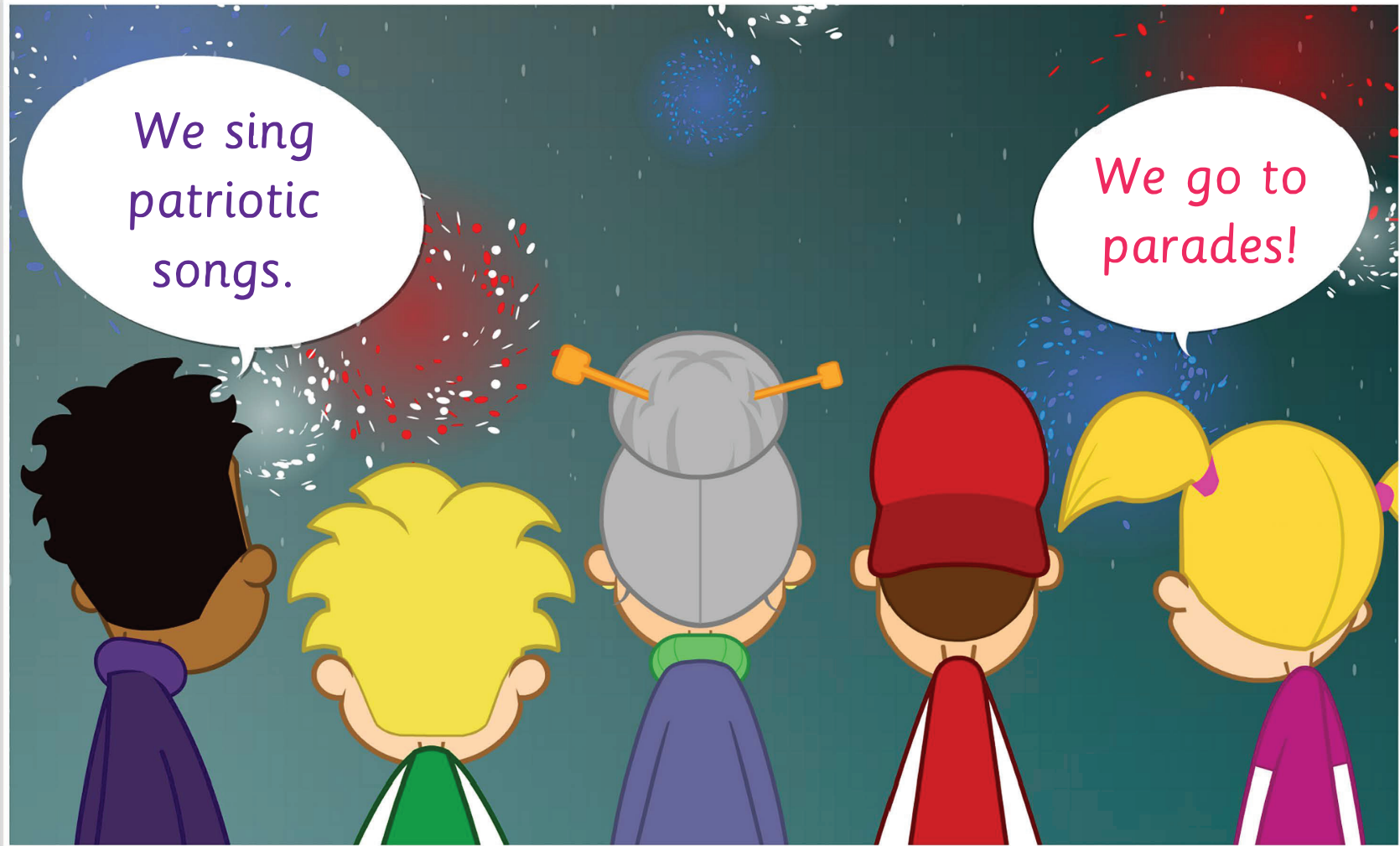
Critical Thinking Question

Why do we have fireworks on Independence Day?



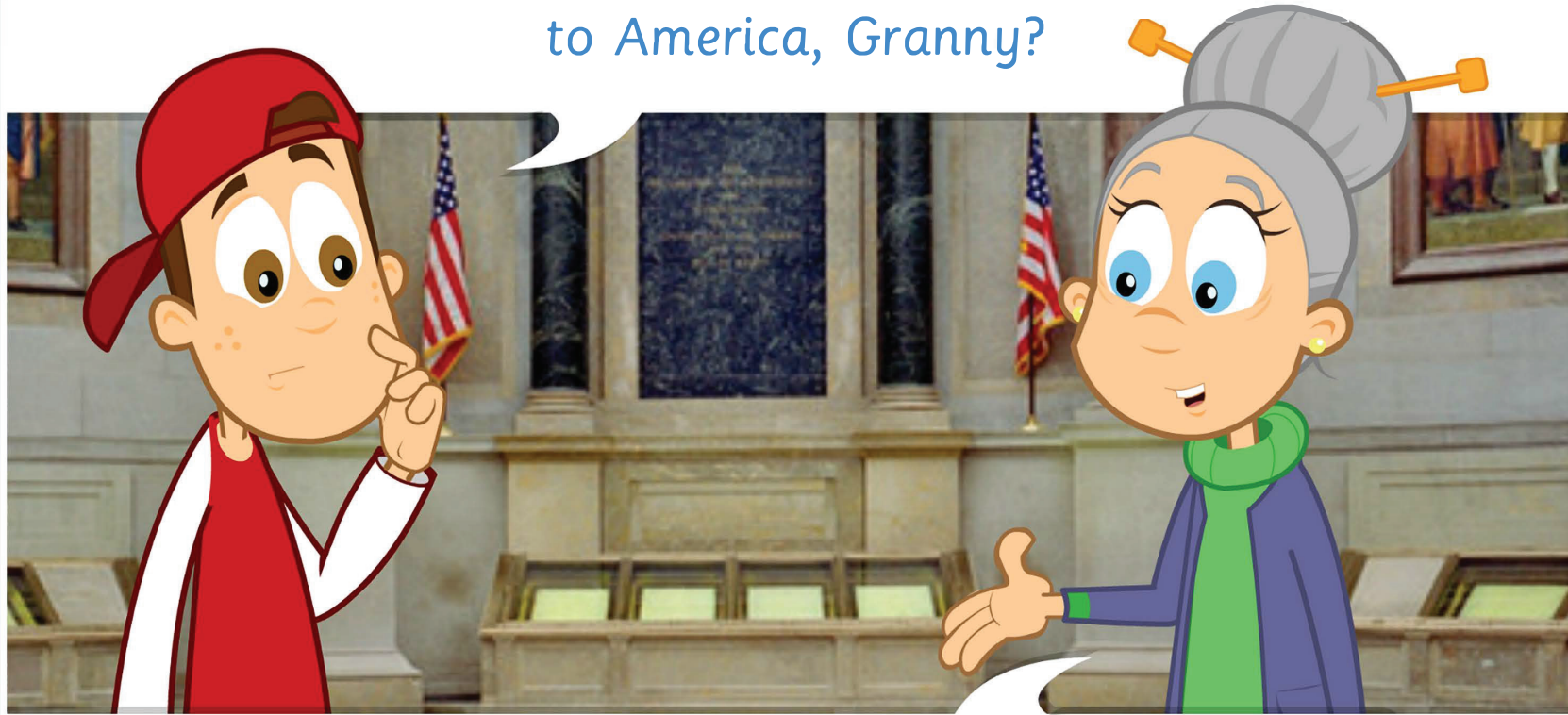
Independence Day is our country's birthday, Manu.
So, in the same way we celebrate your birthday with cake
and ice cream, we celebrate America's birthday with fireworks.
How else do we celebrate Independence Day?

What do you do to celebrate Independence Day?



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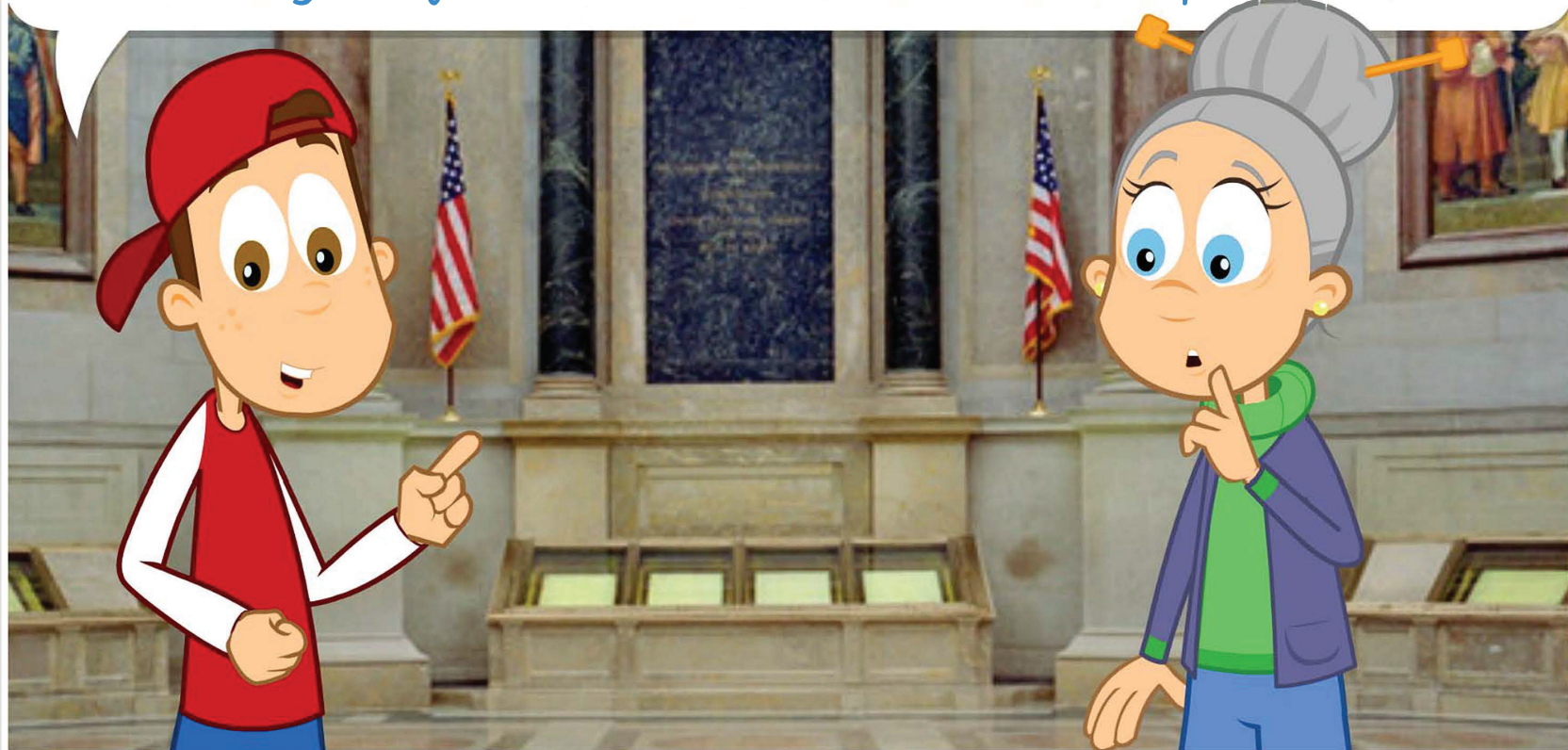
Why is the Declaration of Independence so important to America, Granny?



It's one of the most important documents in our country's history. The Declaration of Independence is how the United States of America was born. How do you think our country would be different if we had not declared our independence from Britain?

Critical Thinking Answer

Well, for one thing, we would still be following a king or queen and we wouldn't have a president.



Can you think of other ways our country would be different if we hadn't declared our independence?

Happy Birthday,
America!



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