

American Stories

Level 4, Theme 2: Week 1
Weekly Skills Test Record

Student _____ Date _____

Student Record Form

	Possible Score	Criterion Score	Student Score
A: Sequence of Events	5	4	
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C: Spelling The /ou/ Sound, the /ô/ Sound	5	4	
D: Vocabulary Antonyms	5	4	
E: Grammar Proper Nouns	5	4	
TOTAL	25	20	
Total Student Score x 4.00 =			%



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Sequence of Events

Read the passage. Then read each question and fill in the circle next to the best answer.

Stars and Stripes

Do you know how many stars and stripes are on the American flag? There are fifty stars, for the fifty states. The thirteen stripes (seven red and six white) stand for the first thirteen colonies.

The American flag did not always look this way. The first official American flag was adopted on June 14, 1777. It had thirteen red and white stripes and thirteen stars on a blue background. The stars, as well as the stripes, stood for the first colonies.

The design of the flag varied, depending on who sewed it. Some flags had stars with five points. Others had six-, seven-, or eight-point stars. The direction of the stripes often differed. By 1792, when Vermont and Kentucky joined the Union, the official flag had fifteen stars and fifteen stripes.

The Flag Act of 1818 called for thirteen stripes and twenty stars (one for each state in the union at that time). It also stated that a star (and not a stripe) would be added for every new state that joined the Union.

Still, there were differences among American flags. Some had more stars or fewer stars than were called for. Some had stars scattered over the blue field. Others had stars in rows. Finally, in 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered that the design of the flag stay the same. Except for the addition of new stars for new states, this is the flag that we know today.



1. When was the first official American flag adopted?
 - A. 1776
 - B. 1777
 - C. 1792
 - D. 1818

2. After Vermont and Kentucky joined the Union, how many stars appeared on the flag?
 - F. fifteen
 - G. fourteen
 - H. thirteen
 - J. twelve

3. Which happened just after the first official flag was adopted?
 - A. The President changed the design.
 - B. New states were added to the Union.
 - C. The design of the flag varied.
 - D. Vermont and Kentucky left the Union.

4. When was the decision made to add a star and not a stripe for every new state?
 - F. when Vermont and Kentucky joined the Union
 - G. in 1959
 - H. on June 14, 1777
 - J. with the Flag Act of 1818

5. Which event happened last?
 - A. President Eisenhower ordered all flags to have the same design.
 - B. The first American flag was adopted.
 - C. Vermont and Kentucky joined the Union, adding new stars to the flag.
 - D. The Flag Act was passed.





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Contractions

Choose the words that correctly stand for the underlined part of each sentence. Fill in the circle next to the best answer.

- Dad says that we'll visit Washington, D.C., this summer.
 A. we might C. we could
 B. we will D. we did
- My sister and I haven't ever seen our nation's capital.
 F. have to H. have not
 G. had not J. had to
- We've read about many things to see and do in Washington.
 A. We did C. We have
 B. We must D. We had
- Mom says that she'd like to tour the White House.
 F. she would H. she could
 G. she had J. she did
- It's her favorite national landmark.
 A. It has C. It was
 B. It is D. It did





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Spelling The /ou/ Sound, the /ô/ Sound

Find the correctly spelled word to complete each sentence.

Fill in the circle next to the best answer.

- Jenny wakes up at _____ each morning.
 - A. donn
 - B. dahn
 - C. dawn
 - D. daun
- She sleeps on a _____ in her bedroom.
 - F. cot
 - G. caut
 - H. cawt
 - J. caht
- There are _____ noises coming from the dogs barking in the yard.
 - A. lowd
 - B. loud
 - C. laud
 - D. lahd
- Jenny goes _____ to complete her morning chores.
 - F. outside
 - G. owtside
 - H. otside
 - J. autside
- She will lie on the _____ in the family room and rest for a while.
 - A. cawch
 - B. cauch
 - C. cowch
 - D. couch





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Vocabulary Antonyms

Choose the word that means the opposite of the underlined word in the sentence. Fill in the circle next to the best answer.

1. Anthony and his cousin live in different states.
 A. together C. strange
 B. large D. same
2. The cousins always see each other in the summer.
 F. sometimes H. usually
 G. never J. often
3. Anthony's cousin will arrive for a visit in June.
 A. come C. depart
 B. reach D. stay
4. A big smile appears on Anthony's face when his cousin visits.
 F. vanishes H. remains
 G. spreads J. happens
5. The cousins both like exciting sports such as skateboarding.
 A. unusual C. difficult
 B. boring D. dangerous





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Grammar Proper Nouns

Choose the sentence in which the underlined noun is written correctly. Fill in the circle next to the best answer.

1. A. Julio is visiting his aunt martha in Texas.
 B. He lives in Monterrey, Mexico.
 C. Julio toured the alamo in San Antonio.
 D. Tomorrow Julio and his aunt will drive to austin.

2. F. The town of springwood needs a new library.
 G. Springwood Public library is too small for the town.
 H. Mayor Wilson says that the city cannot pay the whole cost.
 J. Mrs. fox, the library director, knows a way to raise money.

3. A. Mr. davis coaches our baseball team.
 B. chad is the star pitcher on the team.
 C. Our team practices at pease Park.
 D. He goes to Westwood Elementary School.

4. F. Emily recently started taking piano lessons.
 G. Mrs. harris is her piano teacher.
 H. She will play in her first recital at parker hall.
 J. Her aunt thelma plans to attend the recital.

5. A. Andy's ancestors came to america from Ireland.
 B. They came across the atlantic Ocean.
 C. Their ship was called the Dubliner.
 D. They settled in albany, New York.



