

100 Things You Want to Know: United States Trivia Collections 10

History

- **Liberty Bell's First Crack:** The iconic Liberty Bell cracked during its first test run in 1752.
- **National Anthem's Origin:** "The Star-Spangled Banner" was written as a poem by Francis Scott Key in 1814 during the Battle of Baltimore.
- **The Louisiana Purchase:** In 1803, the United States purchased Louisiana from France for \$15 million, doubling the country's size.
- **Civil War Brothers:** During the Civil War, brothers fought on both sides of the conflict, including the famous Confederate General Stonewall Jackson and his Union brother John.
- **The Panama Canal:** The United States built the Panama Canal between 1904 and 1914, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Geography

- **Highest Point:** Mount Denali in Alaska is the highest point in the United States, reaching 20,310 feet (6,190 meters).
- **Lowest Point:** Badwater Basin in Death Valley, California is the lowest point in the United States, at 282 feet (86 meters) below sea level.
- **Largest Lake:** Lake Superior is the largest lake in the United States and the largest freshwater lake in the world.

- **Longest River:** The Mississippi River is the longest river in the United States, stretching 2,350 miles (3,780 kilometers).
- **Active Volcanoes:** There are over 160 active volcanoes in the United States, mostly located in Alaska and Hawaii.

Culture

- **Baseball's National Pastime:** Baseball is widely considered the national pastime of the United States, with the sport's origins dating back to the 18th century.
- **Thanksgiving Turkey:** The first Thanksgiving meal in 1621 featured venison, not turkey.
- **National Hot Dog Day:** Every year on July 23rd, Americans celebrate National Hot Dog Day, consuming an estimated 150 million hot dogs.
- **Hollywood's Walk of Fame:** The iconic Walk of Fame in Hollywood, California features over 2,700 stars honoring celebrities in film, television, and music.
- **Statue of Liberty's Torch:** The torch held by the Statue of Liberty was originally designed as a beacon of hope for immigrants.

Miscellaneous

- **The White House:** The official residence of the US President, the White House has 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, and 6 levels.
- **Bald Eagle:** The bald eagle is the national bird of the United States, adopted as such in 1782.
- **National Motto:** The official national motto of the United States is "In God We Trust."

- **The Great Seal:** The Great Seal of the United States features an eagle holding a banner with the Latin phrase "E Pluribus Unum" (Out of Many, One).
- **NASA's Moon Landing:** On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the moon.

These are just a few of the many fascinating trivia facts about the United States. From its rich history to its diverse geography and vibrant culture, there's always something new to discover about this extraordinary nation.



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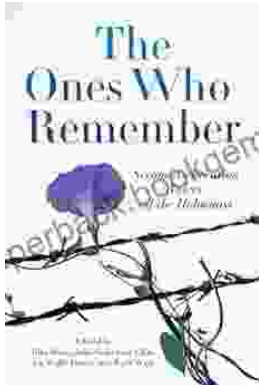
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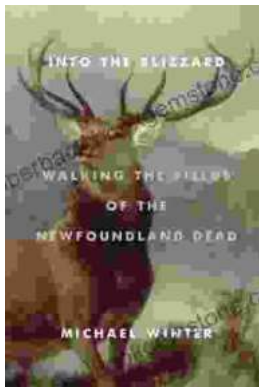
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