

ARE YOU READY?



1. Which American state was the last to aquire "state" status?



Hawaii

2. In which state do the highest trees in the world grow and what are they called?



In California; "redwood", or "sequoia"

3. What is the name of the first US national park and in which state is it located?



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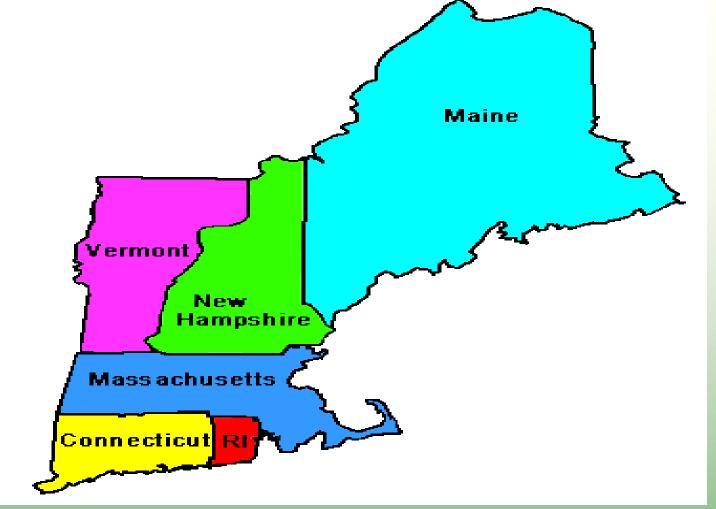
Yellowstone National Park; in Wyoming

4. Which city in the state of Florida has the same name as a Russian city?



St. Petersburg

5. Name the six New England states and explain why they are known as "New England"?



Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut; named by Captain John Smith for their resemblance to the coast of England

6. Name the five Great Lakes; which one is entirely within the US?



Lakes Huron, Erie, Ontario, Michigan, Superior; Lake Michigan

7. Name the smallest US state.



Rhode Island

8. With which "supernatural" phenomenon is the whaling town of Salem, Massachusetts, associated?



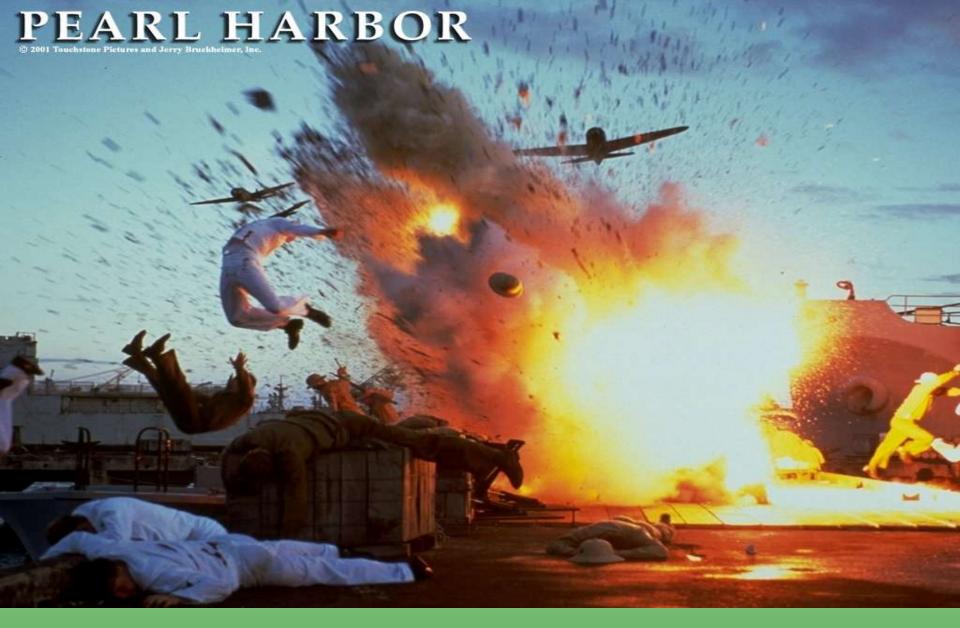
Witchcraft

9. Which country presented the US with the Statue of Liberty? On what occasion?



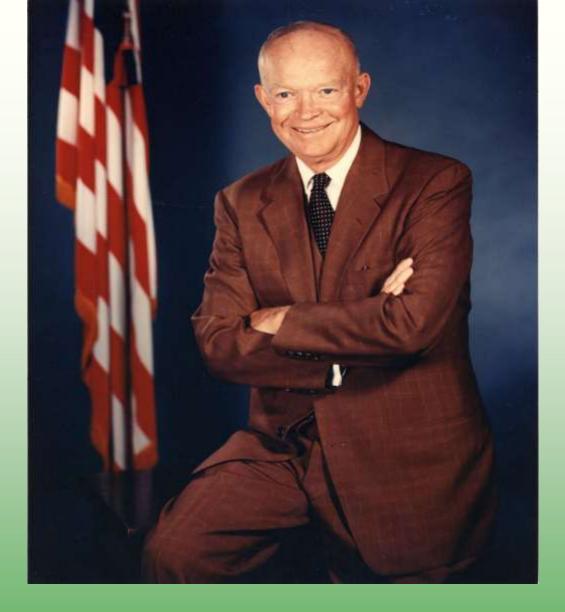
France; the 100-anniversary of the Franko-American alliance during the American War of Independence

10. What is the name of the American naval base that the Japanese attacked on December 7, 1941? In which state is it located?



Pearl Harbor

11. Which American general, who later became the 34th President, commanded all U.S. forces during World War II?



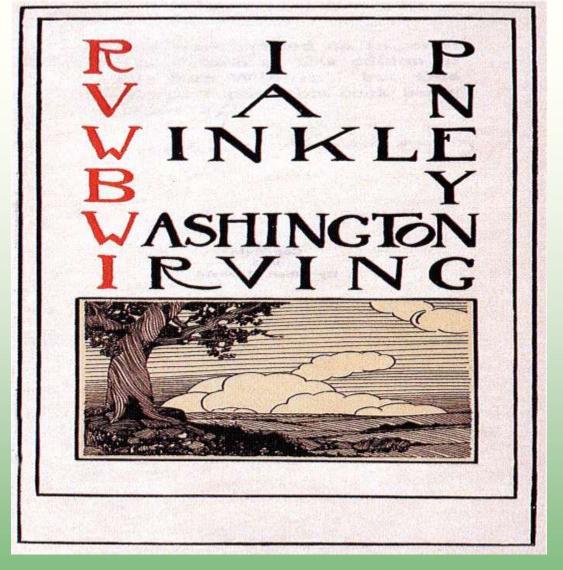
Dwight David Eisenhower

12. Which American astronaut first stepped on the surface of the Moon; what was the year; what was the name of his spaceship?



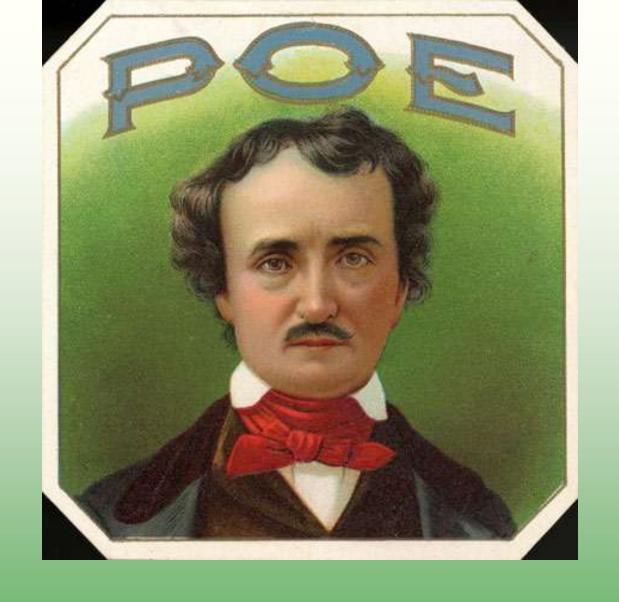
Neil Armstrong; 1969; Apollo 11

13. What major American historical event did Rip Van Winkle miss in his sleep?



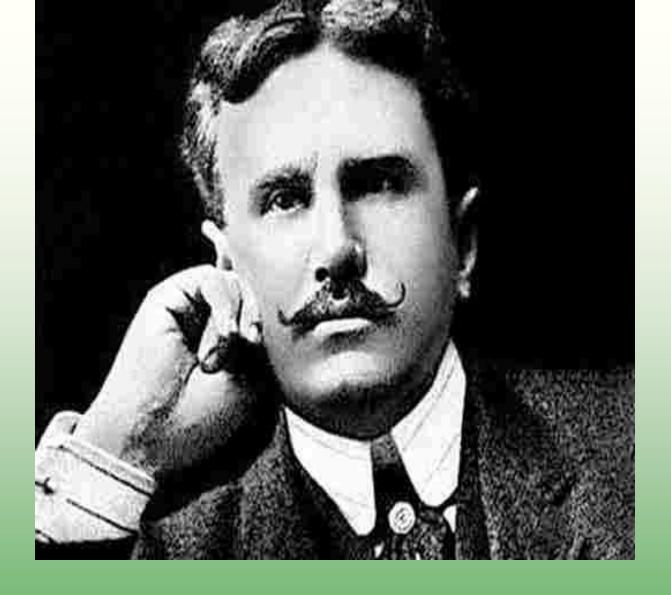
The American War of Independence

14. Which 19-th century American writer is said to be the founder of the detective genre?



Edgar Allan Poe

15. What pen-name did an American writer use to sign the humorous stories which he wrote in prison?



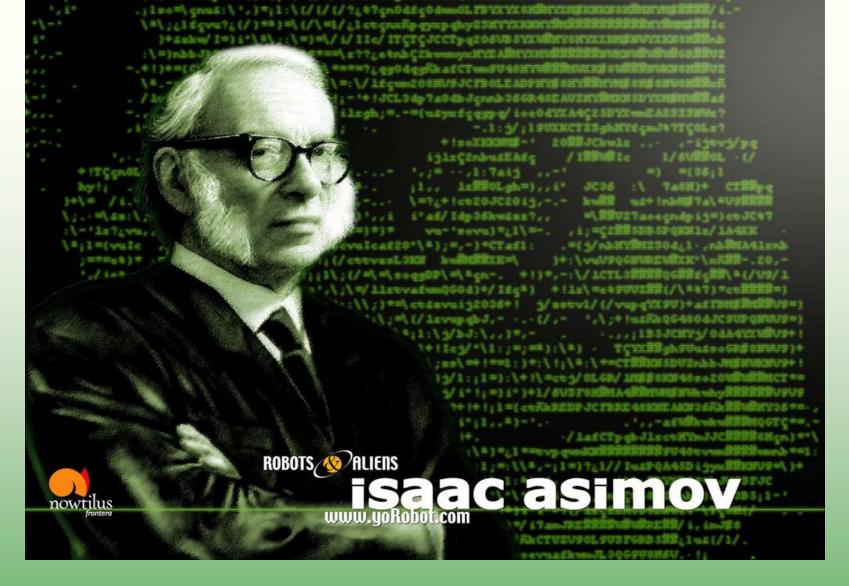
O`Henry

16. What famous event that happened in the States in 1849 was glorified in numerous films and books?



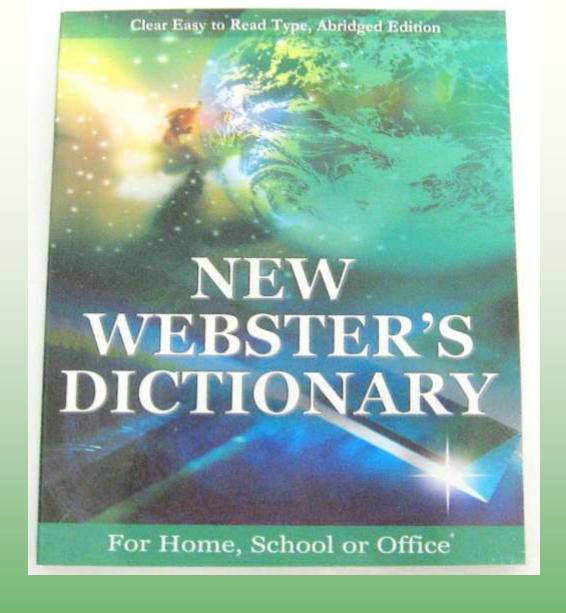
The gold rush in California

17. Name the American science fiction writer born in Russia who wrote "I, Robot", "The fun we had"?



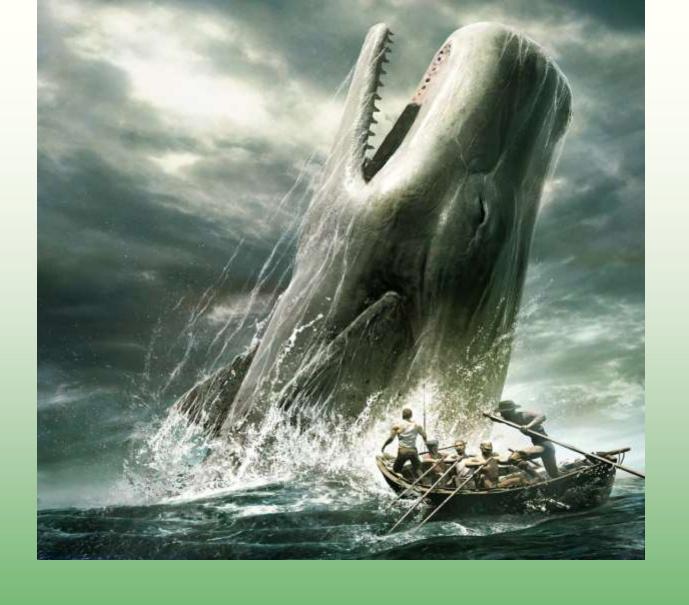
Isaac Asimov

18. Which American family compiled the first dictionary of the American variant of the English language?



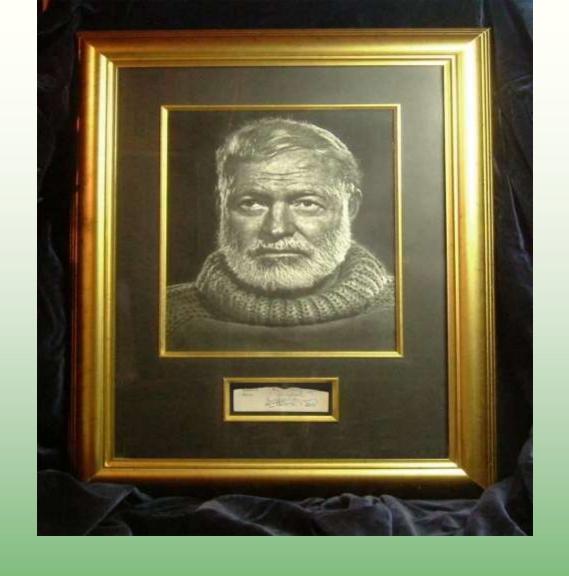
Webster

19. Which famous novel of Herman Melville is concerned with an aquatic mammal?



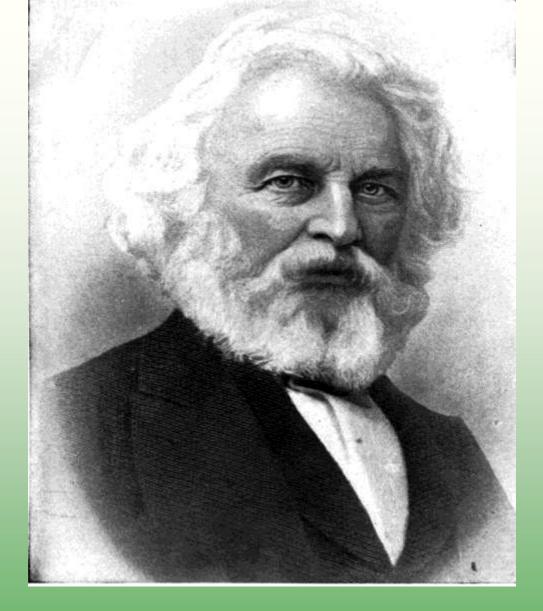
"Moby Dick"

20. Name the 1954 Nobel Prize Laureate in Literature who wrote "The Sun Also Rises"?



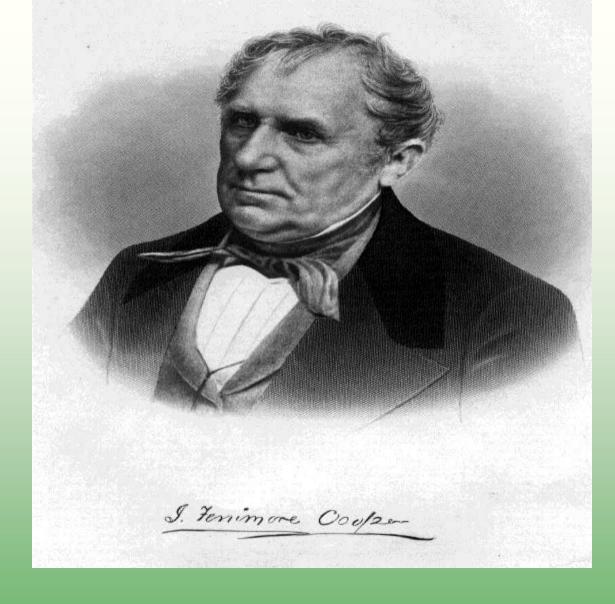
Ernest Hemingway

21. Which famous poem of Longfellow was translated into Russian by Ivan Bunin?



"The Song of Hiawatha"

22. Which American author wrote "The Last of the Mohicans"?



James Fenimore Cooper

23. Which famous American document begins with the words, "We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union..."?



The Constitution of the United States

24. In which famous location of New York City do people celebrate New Year's Day?



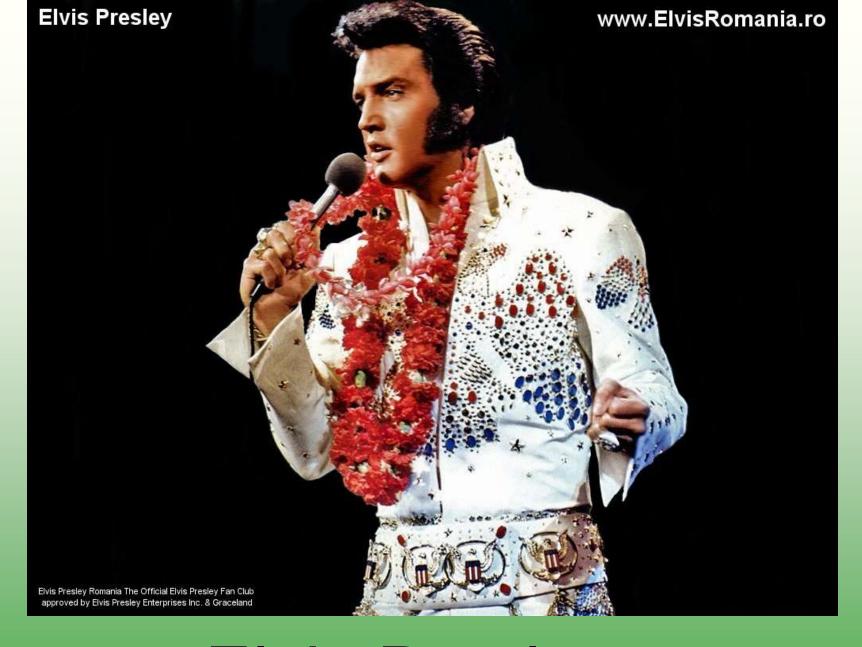
Times Square

25. What are the three traditional dishes of American Thanksgiving dinner?



Turkey, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce

26. Which American celebrity lived in Memphis, Tennessee?



Elvis Presley

27. Explain the symbolism of the stars and the stripes on the U.S. flag.



50 stars=50 states, 13 stripes=13 original colonies

28. What right did American women receive in 1920?



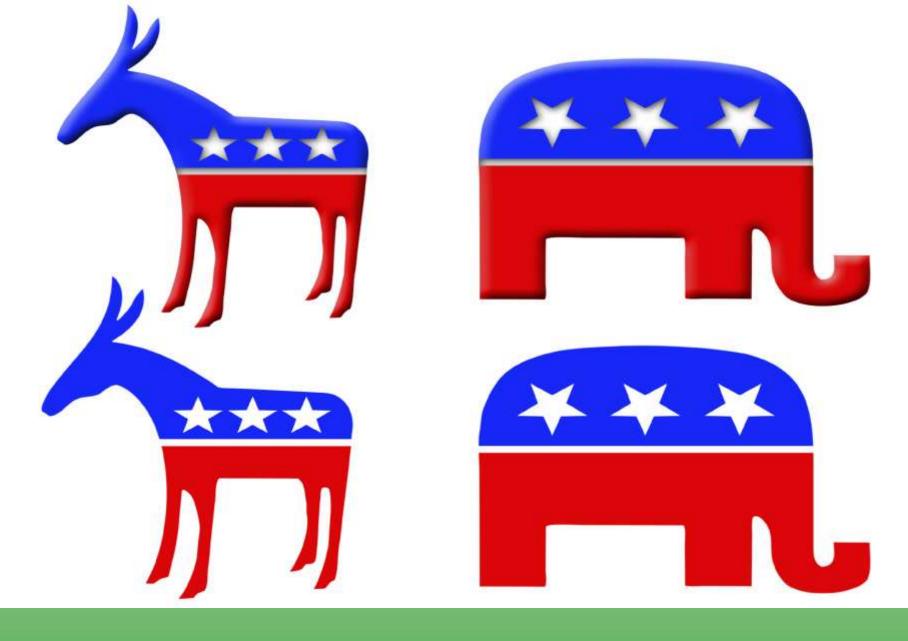
The right to vote

29. Who was the youngest elected President in the history of the US?



John F. Kennedy

30. Name the political parties in the US and the animals that symbolize each party?



Democrats-donkey; Republicans-elephant

