

# Freedom's Feast INDEPENDENCE DAY

On-line resources to get the most out of your AMERICAN holiday Celebrations.



## Table Talk Conversation Starters for Children and Adults

### *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness*

1. Please share your Fourth of July memories with me.
2. How did you celebrate July 4th when you were my age?
3. Did you spend time with your family? If so, what kind of things did you do?
4. Do you have a special July 4th memory?

### *Life*

1. When and why did our family come to America?
2. What was it like growing up when you were a child?
3. What was similar and what was different from how my life is today?
4. Is there a family story about being Americans that you would like to share with me?
5. Do you have any photos, post cards, or belongings from your parents or previous generations that you can show me?



### *Liberty*

1. Did our family have a choice in coming here?
2. What freedoms did you or another member of our family seek in coming to the United States?
3. What freedoms do you fight or advocate for?
4. What freedoms do you want the most for me (and my generation)?

### *Pursuit of Happiness*

1. What does the American Dream mean to you?
2. What are your hopes and dreams for my future?
3. What do you dream for the future of our family? What do you dream for our country?

Try our [American Family Dream Quilt Keepsake](#) project! Thanks to our partner at [CMOM](#): The Children's Museum of Manhattan for their collaboration on this very special project. Please visit us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to share your experiences and visit us again on [Labor Day](#)! Enjoy!



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MEMORIAL DAY



*We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now.*

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**  
MINISTER AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER  
1929-1968

*Patriotism is easy to understand in America - it means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country.*

**CALVIN COOLIDGE**  
30TH U.S. PRESIDENT  
1872-1933

*We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it.*

**WILLIAM FAULKNER**  
AUTHOR  
1897-1962

*Ability is of little account without opportunity.*

**LUCILLE BALL**  
ACTOR, PRODUCER  
1911-1989

*For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness.*

**RALPH WALDO EMERSON**  
POET, ESSAYIST, PHILOSOPHER  
1803-1882

*The universe is made of stories, not atoms.*

**MURIEL RUKEYSER**  
POET  
1913-1980