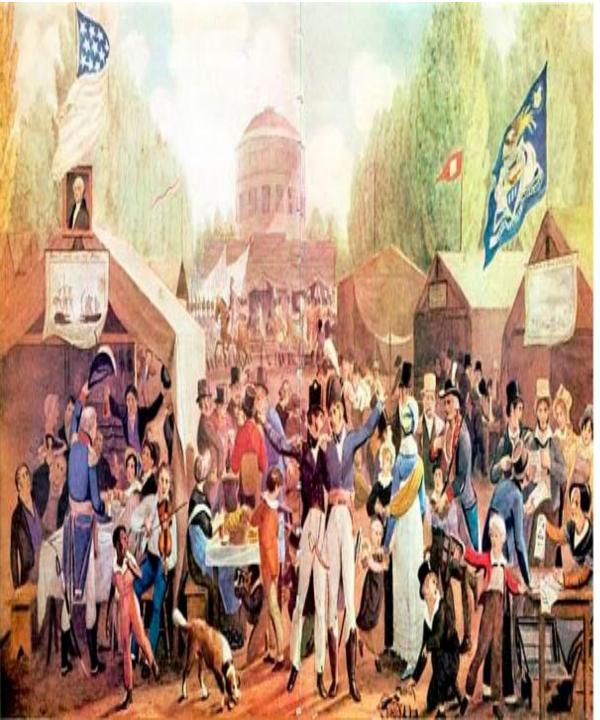
Independence Day



On July 4 the Americans celebrate their national holiday — Independence Day. The United States gained independence as a result of gradual and paintul process



By the mid 1700's, it became difficult for thirteen British colonies in the New World to be ruled by a king 3000 miles across the ocean. The British empire *imposed high taxes* upon the colonies. In 1775, the **Revolutionary War** began and lasted until 1783.

On July 4, Americans have holiday from work. People have day-long picnics with favourite foods like hot dogs, ham-burgers, potato salad, baked beans.

• Lively music is heard everywhere. People play baseball or compete at three-legged races or pie-eating or water-melon-eating contests.



• Wherever Americans are around the globe they will get together to celebrate Independence Day.