



Children first sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" in Boston on July 4, 1831.



"Sweet Land of Liberty" is a line in the song "My Country 'Tis of Thee."



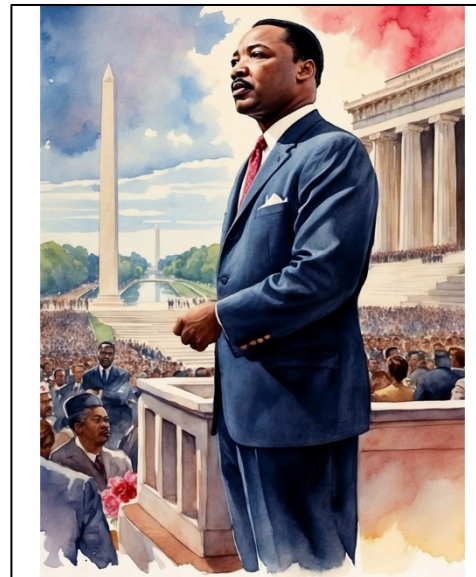
In 1865, thousands of children in New York and Tennessee sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" to help Americans to heal after the Civil War.



Immigrants, such as Jews, Italians, and Eastern Europeans, often sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" when they became U.S. citizens from 1880-1920.



In 1939, Marian Anderson sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" as her first song at her Lincoln Memorial concert on Easter Sunday in Washington D.C.



Martin Luther King, Jr. quoted "Let Freedom Ring" from "My Country 'Tis of Thee" in his *I Have a Dream* speech.



America's birthday is July 4, 1776. The nation's 250th birthday is in 2026.



King George was unjust. He ended Massachusetts's & Virginia's elected legislatures. His men stopped ships from selling items in Boston. They took land and guns from Vermont farmers.



BLUE=Vigilance, perseverance & justice  
George Washington persevered.  
He led the army. He didn't give up.



WHITE=Innocence  
Soldiers fought for the innocents in their lives, their children.



RED=Valor  
Peter Salem showed valor or bravery as a Revolutionary War soldier.



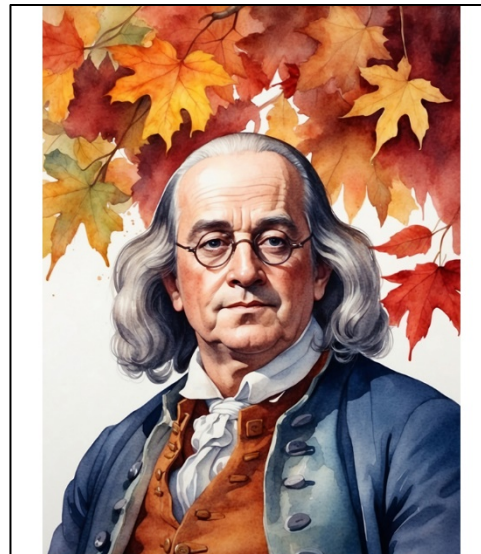
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Washington's soldiers were vigilant, which means on guard or watchful.  
Barzilai Lew played the fife. Jerib Tools & James Sperry were drummers.



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Thomas Jefferson and the members of the Continental Congress managed the war and new country.



**RED**=Valor  
Thousands of soldiers in the Continental Army fought the king's army on battlefields.



Benjamin Franklin convinced the king of France to support America. France and America worked together.



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Prince Hall used the words from the Declaration of Independence to sue for his freedom in Massachusetts.



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In 1781 Elizabeth Freeman sued for her freedom. She won. A judge said that slavery was unconstitutional in Massachusetts. The war's end started the abolition, anti-slavery, movement.



Americans often celebrate their independence with fireworks on July 4.

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