A Citizenship Quiz for Christmas

Christmas is a national U.S. holiday. Christians celebrate Christmas as the birth of Jesus Christ. All Americans look forward to a long holiday of family, food, and fun. Here is a list of historical events which occurred on Christmas Eve (Dec 24) or Christmas Day Dec (25).

1776 – George Washington and the Continental Army crossed the Delaware River at night to attack Hessian forces serving Great Britain at Trenton, NJ. **Why did the colonists fight the British?** (61)

1814 – The Treaty of Ghent was signed. This treaty ended America’s second war against the British. **Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.** (72)

1821 – Clara Barton was born. She was a nurse during the War between the North and the south and founded the American Red Cross in 1881. **Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.** (73)

1868 – United States President Andrew Johnson granted an unconditional pardon to all Confederate veterans. **What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?** (76)

1914 – John Muir died. He was a conservationist who founded Sierra Club in 1892. **What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?** (55)

1914 – The World War I Christmas Truce: Soldiers stopped fighting and crossed the trenches to exchange seasonal greetings, sing carols, play football, swap prisoners, and bury the dead. **Who was President during World War I?** (79)

1943 – Eisenhower was named the Supreme Allied Commander of the Allied Forces. **Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?** (82)

1968 – The crew of Apollo 8 read in turn from the Book of Genesis as they orbited the moon. Madalyn Murray O’Hair, founder of American Atheists, responded by suing the US government, alleging violations of the First Amendment. The Supreme Court dismissed the suit due to lack of jurisdiction.

- **What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?** (6)
- **What is freedom of religion?** (10)

1973 – District of Columbia Home Rule Act was passed, allowing residents of capital of the United States to elect their own local government. **What is the capital of the United States?** (94)