

SummerReads: July 4th - Introduction

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Confetti rains down at a July 4th celebration featuring the Boston Pops Orchestra in Boston, Massachusetts, July 2008.

July 4th is the biggest summer holiday for Americans. It is the celebration of our country's birthday, and a great time to enjoy friends and family. Many schools, businesses and government offices are closed on July 4th so that people can enjoy the holiday. If July 4th is on the weekend, many people also celebrate on the Friday before or the Monday after July 4th.

Birthday parties may have games, cakes, and lots of friends and family. Our nation's birthday party is no different. July 4th celebrations have lots of games or sports for people to play, and food for people to eat. Some towns have contests like three-legged races. Other towns have cookouts with food that lots of people like to eat. Best of all-everyone gets to go to the party!

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. What is July 4th the celebration of?

2. What is one thing that people do to celebrate America's birthday party?

Support your answer with evidence from the text.

3. What is the main idea of this text?

4. Read these sentences from the text.

"Birthday parties may have games, cakes, and lots of friends and family. Our nation's birthday party is no different. July 4th celebrations have lots of games or sports for people to play, and food for people to eat."

Based on these sentences, what does the word "celebration" mean?
