

## Independence Day - The 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Independence Day honors the birthday of the United States of America and the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It's a day of picnics and patriotic parades, a night of concerts and fireworks, and a reason to fly the American flag.

**The Declaration of Independence:** Read an excerpt from the famous document that announced the colonies independence from Great Britain:

*... We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world...*

To read the entire document, visit

<http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/declaration.html>

### Independence Day Food

When you ask a person from the U.S. about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, many images come to mind. Some people like to remember those who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom people in the U.S. experience. For others, patriotic music and bright fireworks shows come to mind. But, no matter who you ask, or where they are from, they almost always mention spending the day with family and friends and enjoying a nice summer cookout. Traditional foods depend a lot on which part of the country you come from. One can expect to enjoy anything from hot dogs and hamburgers, to barbequed chicken, ribs, or pork chops. If you are interested in knowing the taste of the 4<sup>th</sup>, check out the following recipe:

#### **Chicken on The Grill**



6-10 chicken legs  
 1 1/2 cups ketchup  
 1/2 cup white vinegar  
 1/3 cup packed brown sugar  
 1 tbs Worcestershire (salsa inglesa)  
 2 tsp grated lime peel  
 1 1/2 tsp dry mustard  
 3/4 tsp garlic salt  
 1/4 tsp pepper

In a small bowl combine ketchup and remaining ingredients. Place chicken on grill over medium coals; cook 30 to 35 minutes, brushing occasionally with sauce, turning often. Chicken is done when juices run clear when pierced with a fork.

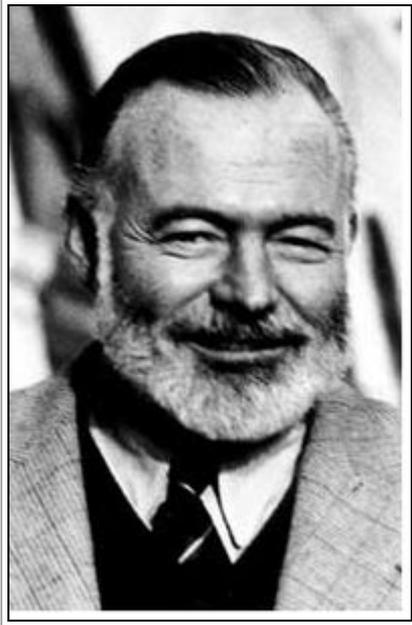
For this and other great recipes from the U.S, visit the following websites:

[www.momsmenu.com](http://www.momsmenu.com)

[www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com)

# Modern American Literature

## Ernest Hemingway



Ernest Hemingway, 1950

Born:	July 21, 1899
Died:	July 2, 1961
Occupations:	Novelist, Short Story Writer, Journalist
Literary Movement:	Lost Generation
Greatest Work:	For Whom the Bell Tolls
Influences:	Gertrude Stein, Pío Baroja
Influenced:	Jack Kerouac, J.D. Salinger, Hunter S. Thompson, Bret Easton Ellis, Chuck Palahnuik, Douglas Coupland, Charles Bukowski

**Ernest Miller Hemingway aka "Papa"** (July 21, 1899 – July 2, 1961) was an American novelist, short story writer, and journalist. His distinctive writing style is characterized by terse minimalism and understatement and had a significant influence on the development of twentieth century fiction. Hemingway's protagonists are typically stoics, often seen as projections of his own character — men who must show "grace under pressure". Many of his works are considered classics in the canon of American literature.

Hemingway was part of the 1920s expatriate community in Paris, as described in his novel *A Moveable Feast*. Known as part of "The Lost Generation," a name coined

and popularized by Gertrude Stein, he led a turbulent social life, was married four times, and allegedly had various romantic relationships during his lifetime. Hemingway received the Pulitzer Prize (1953) for *The Old Man and the Sea*. He received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954, which he said he "would have been "happy - happier[...]if the prize had been given to that beautiful writer Isak Dinesen", referring to Danish female writer Karen Blixen. In 1961, at age 61, he committed suicide.

### Novels

- The Torrents of Spring (1925)
- The Sun Also Rises (1926)
- A Farewell to Arms (1929)
- For Whom the Bell Tolls (1950)
- The Old Man and the Sea (1952)
- Adventures of a Young Man (1962)
- Islands in the Stream (1970)
- The Garden of Eden (1986)

### Short Stories

- In Our Time
- Men Without Women
- Winner Take Nothing
- The Snows of Kilimanjaro
- Old Man at the Bridge
- On the Quai at Smyrna
- Hills Like White Elephants
- The Killers
- A Clean Well-Lighted Place

To learn more about Hemingway, visit the American Corner and read these books:

[Encyclopedia of Literature](#), by Merriam Webster

[Anthology of American Literature II](#), by George McMichael

[Literature and Gender](#), by Robyn Weigman

# Modern American Music

## Woody Guthrie



**Woodrow Wilson Guthrie** (July 14, 1912 - October 3, 1967), known as **Woody Guthrie** was an influential and prolific American folk musician noted for his identification with the common man, the poor and the downtrodden, and for his hate of fascism and economic exploitation. In the late 1930s, Guthrie achieved fame in Los Angeles, California, with radio partner Maxine "Lefty Lou" Crissman as a broadcast performer of commercial "hillbilly" music and traditional folk music. In 1939, Guthrie moved to New York City and was welcomed by its leftist and folk music community. He also made perhaps his first real recordings: several hours of conversation and songs, recorded by folklorist Alan Lomax for the Library of Congress, as well as an album, *Dust Bowl Ballads*. He began writing his autobiography, *Bound for Glory*, which was completed and published in 1943.

In February 1940, Guthrie wrote his most famous song, "This Land Is Your Land," which was inspired in part by his experiences during a cross-country trip and in part

by his dislike for the Irving Berlin song "God Bless America", which he considered unrealistic and complacent. The melody may have been based on the gospel song "When the World's on Fire," best known as sung by the country/bluegrass group The Carter Family around 1930. Guthrie protested class inequality in the final verse:

*In the squares of the city,  
In the shadow of a steeple;  
By the relief office,  
I'd seen my people.  
As they stood there hungry,  
I stood there asking,  
Is this land made for you and me?  
As I went walking,  
I saw a sign there,  
And on the sign there,  
It said "no trespassing."  
But on the other side,  
it didn't say nothing!  
That side was made for you and me.*

Guthrie originally wrote and sang anti-war songs with the Almanac Singers, but eventually he and they, along with the Communist milieu with which they were associated, joined the anti-fascist cause. Guthrie famously wrote the slogan "This Machine Kills Fascists" on his guitar. He joined the U.S. Merchant Marine, where he served with fellow folk singer Cisco Houston, and then the U.S. Army.

Woody Guthrie has influenced singers such as, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Ani DiFranco, and his son, Arlo Guthrie, along with many, many others. Bob Dylan, who visited him just before his death in 1967 describe Guthrie as "my last hero".

If you are interested in this and other information about Woody Guthrie, visit these websites:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woody\\_Guthrie](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woody_Guthrie)

<http://www.woodyguthrie.org/>

# This Month in U.S. History

**July 4, 1776** - The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.

**Birthday** - Novelist and short-story writer Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864) was born in Salem, Mass. His works included; *The Scarlet Letter*, *The House of the Seven Gables* and *The Blithedale Romance*.

**July 9, 1868** - The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. The Amendment defined U.S. citizenship and prohibited individual States from abridging the rights of any American citizen without due process and equal protection under the law. The Amendment also barred individuals involved in rebellion against the U.S. from holding public office.

**Birthday** - American philosopher Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) was born in Concord, Mass. At Walden Pond he wrote, "I frequently tramped eight or ten miles through the deepest snow to keep an appointment with a beechtree, or a yellow birch, or an old acquaintance among the pines."

**July 14 Birthday** - American folk singer and social activist Woody Guthrie (1912-1967) was born in Okemah, Oklahoma. Best known for *This Land Is Your Land*, *Union Maid*, and *Hard Traveling*.

**July 19-20, 1848** - A women's rights convention was held at Seneca Falls, New York. Issues discussed included voting rights, property rights and divorce. The convention marked the beginning of an organized women's rights movement in the U.S.

**July 20, 1969** - A global audience watched on television as Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step on the moon. As he stepped onto the moon's surface he proclaimed, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" - inadvertently omitting an "a" before "man" and slightly changing the meaning.

**July 21 Birthday** - Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961) was born in Oak Park, Illinois. His works included; *The Sun Also Rises* (1926), *A Farewell to Arms* (1929), *For Whom the Bell Tolls* (1940) and *The Old Man and the Sea* (1952). Awarded the Nobel Prize in 1954, he wrote little thereafter, became ill and shot himself on July 2, 1961.

**July 22, 1934** - Bank robber John Dillinger (1902-1934) was shot and killed by FBI agents as he left Chicago's Biograph Movie Theater after watching the film *Manhattan Melodrama* starring Clark Gable and Myrna Loy. Dillinger was the first criminal labeled by the FBI as "Public Enemy No. 1." After spending nine years (1924-1933) in prison, Dillinger went on a deadly crime spree, traveling through the states of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. He was

reportedly betrayed by the "Lady in Red."

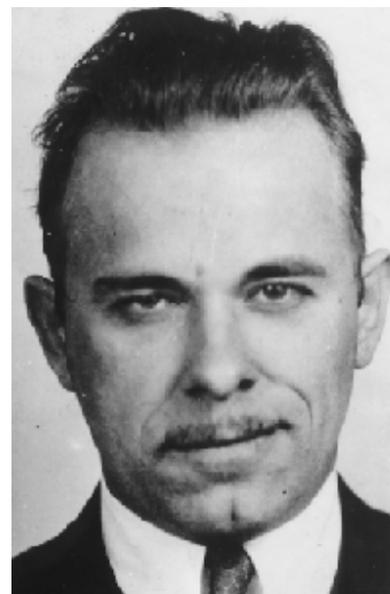
**July 24 Birthday** - American pilot Amelia Earhart (1898-1937) was born in Atchison, Kansas. She became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic and to fly solo from Hawaii to California. She perished during a flight from New Guinea to Howland Island over the Pacific Ocean on July 3, 1937.

**July 28 Birthday** - Jackie Kennedy (1929-1994) was born in Southampton, New York (as Jacqueline Lee Bouvier). She was married to John Fitzgerald Kennedy and after his death later married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

**July 30, 1975** - Former Teamsters Union leader James Hoffa was last seen outside a restaurant near Detroit, Michigan. His 13 year federal prison sentence had been commuted by President Richard M. Nixon in 1971. On December 8, 1982, seven years after his disappearance, an Oakland County judge declared Hoffa officially dead.

**Birthday** - Automotive pioneer Henry Ford (1863-1947) was born in Dearborn Township, Michigan. He developed an assembly-line production system and introduced a \$5-a-day wage for automotive workers. "History is bunk," he once said.

**July 31, 1790** - The U.S. Patent Office first opened its doors. The first U.S. patent was issued to Samuel Hopkins of Vermont for a new method of making pearlsh and potash. The patent was signed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.



John Dillinger, circa 1930

# What's Happening in the American Corner

## Book of the Month

"Estados Unidos: La Historia"  
by  
Paul Johnson (in Spanish)

"[Este libro] es una reinterpretación de la historia estadounidense, desde los primeros asentamientos hasta el gobierno de Clinton. Cubre cada uno de los aspectos: la política, los negocios y la economía; el arte, la literatura y la ciencia; las tradiciones y las creencias religiosas."

## Important Dates to Remember

June 1 - International Day of Cooperatives

June 4 - United States Independence Day

July 11 - World Population Day

## Current American Corner Activities

### News In English:

Listen to real news shows broadcast from the U.S. in the American Corner!

Monday: 10:00

Thursday: 10:00

Friday: 12:00

### English Conversation Hour

Every Wednesday at 17:00 in the American Corner.

### Fulbright Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Region

Monthly Meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 20:00.

**Pay attention for flyers about other upcoming events!**

## American Corner Hours

Monday & Friday:

9:30 - 13:00

and

15:00 - 20:00

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday:

8:30 - 13:00

and

15:00 - 20:00

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Food Recipe: [www.momsmenu.com](http://www.momsmenu.com)

This Month in U.S. History: [www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/july.htm](http://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/july.htm)

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