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What does Memorial Day mean?

Memorial Day is the day Americans honor the men and women we lost during their time serving in the U.S. military. Although Memorial Day originated in the years following the Civil War (1861- 1865), it only became a federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans celebrate Memorial Day by visiting Veteran memorials, attending parades or holding family gatherings.

The Story of the 4th of July

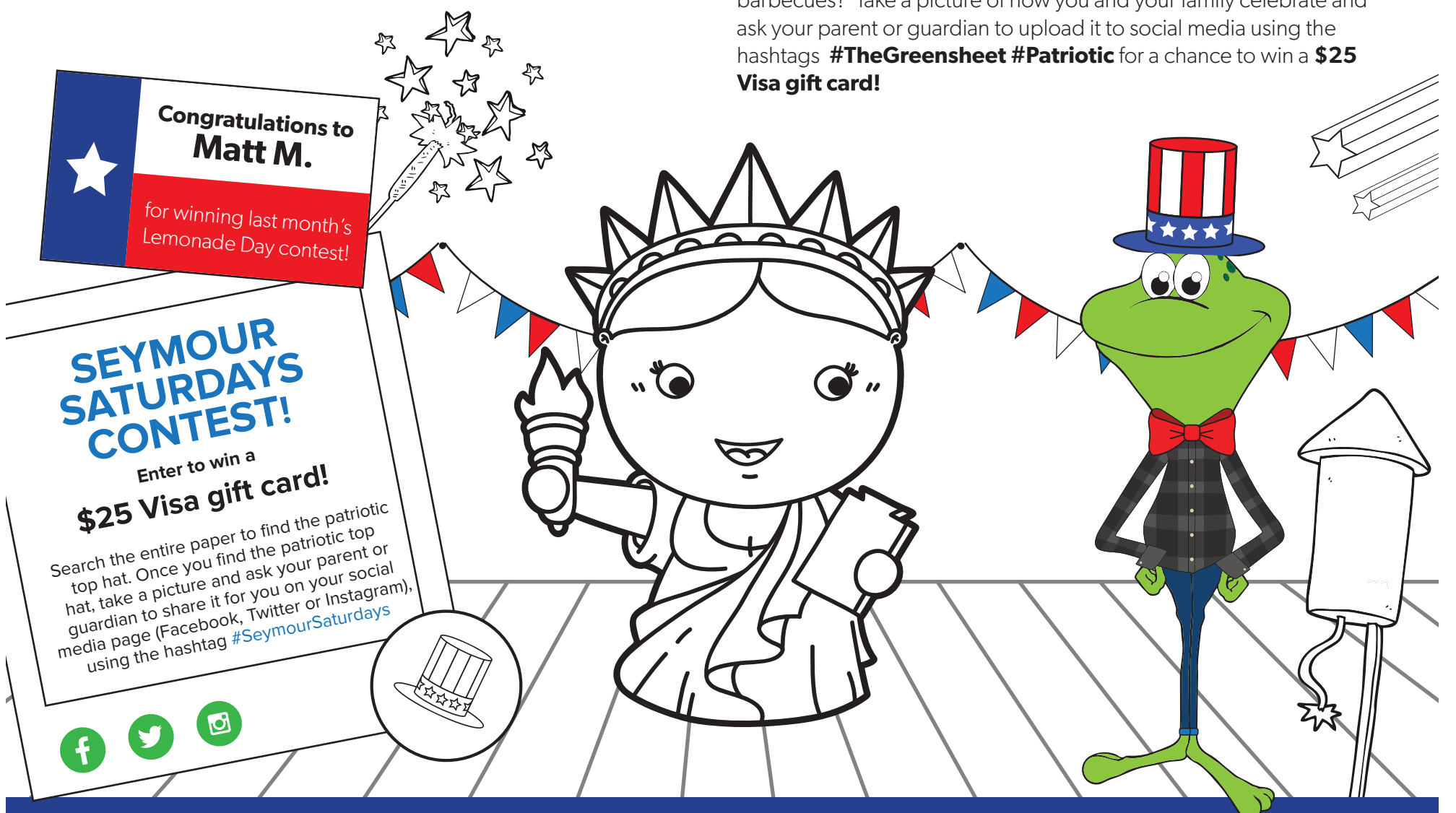
American Independence Day, or the 4th of July, is the day the Declaration of Independence was signed by the Continental Congress in 1776. Although it's not the day the United States became an independent country from Great Britain, we celebrate it as the birthday of our nation.

Patriotic Fun Facts!

- Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day.
- In December 2000 Congress passed a law requiring Americans to pause at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day to remember and honor the fallen.
- Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer, while Labor Day represents the ending of the season.
- Only 2.5 million people lived in the United States when the Declaration of Independence was signed. Now there are over 300 million people living in our country!

Show us how you celebrate!

How do you celebrate these holidays? Swimming, fireworks, barbecues? Take a picture of how you and your family celebrate and ask your parent or guardian to upload it to social media using the hashtags **#TheGreensheet #Patriotic** for a chance to win a **\$25 Visa gift card!**



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