

Legends of History

- John Hancock made his signature large enough on the Declaration of Independence so that King George could read it without his glasses.
- George Washington was not the first president of the United States, it was John Hanson.
- A clause in the annexation of Texas allowed it to be divided into five states.
- A black woman served as the model for the Statue of Liberty.
- Harry Truman's middle name is the letter S.
- John Kennedy went hatless at his inauguration, beginning the decline in the sale of men's hats.
- Mussolini made the trains run on time.
- Churchill was born in a ladies room during a dance.
- Members of Congress receive large pensions and do not pay Social Security.
- Motorists in some U.S. states can be fined for not slowing down or changing lanes when passing parked emergency vehicles.
- U.S. law specifies that a creditor does not have to accept more than 100 pennies toward payment.
- Social Security numbers are coded to identify a person's race.
- The Baby Ruth candy bar was named for President Cleveland's daughter.
- Being an only child exempts you from military service.
- Senator Hillary Clinton was the only politician in Washington D.C. who refused to meet with a delegation of Gold Star Mothers.
- An American flag is folded thirteen times for special meanings.
- Rush Limbaugh was disqualified from the Vietnam draft due to a pilonidal cyst.
- The state of Missouri named a stretch of highway adopted by the Ku Klux Klan the "Rosa Parks Highway."
- Overpaying a traffic ticket will keep points off your driving record.
- Interstates are numbered based on direction and location.
- The Great Wall of China is visible from the moon.
- The nursery rhyme "Ring Around the Rosie" is a coded reference to the Bubonic Plague.
- Governor George W. Bush proclaimed June 10, 2000 as Jesus day in Texas.
- The Marlboro Man died of lung cancer.
- Little Mikey, of Life Cereal fame, died from eating pop rocks and drinking Coke.
- The Disney film *Song of the South* has never been released on video in the United States.
- Jello is made from animal bones and hides.
- Caesar salad was invented by, or named for, Julius Caesar.
- The Titanic had a sister ship with the intended name of Gigantic.
- The nursery rhyme "Sing a Song of Sixpence" was a code for recruiting pirates.
- 911 days separated terrorist attacks on the United States and the 2004 train bombings on Madrid Spain.
- George W. Bush has been nominated for a Noble Peace Prize.

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