

## Stage 1

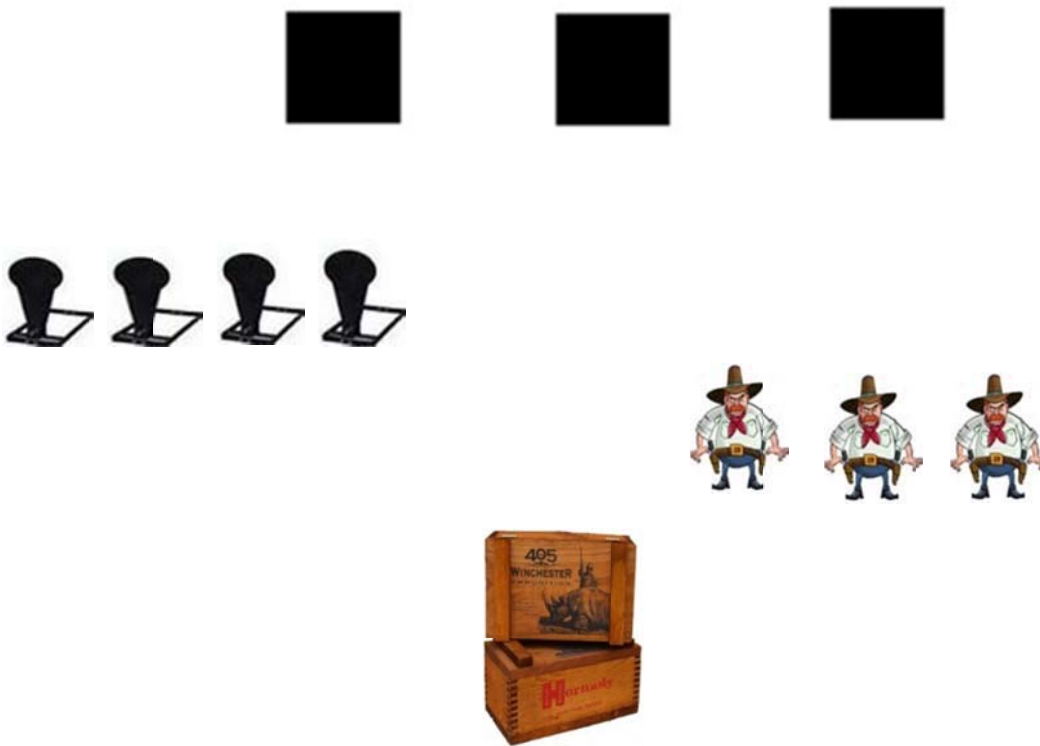
### July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776 – Declaration of Independence

On **July 4**, 1776, the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence, announcing the colonies' separation from Great Britain. The Constitution provides the legal and governmental framework for the United States, however, the Declaration, with its eloquent assertion "all Men are created equal," is equally beloved by the American people. Philadelphians marked the first anniversary of American independence with a spontaneous celebration, which is described in a letter by John Adams to Abigail Adams. However, observing Independence Day only became commonplace after the War of 1812. Soon, events such as groundbreaking ceremonies for the Erie Canal and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad were scheduled to coincide with July 4th festivities.

2 - Pistols 5 rounds each holstered

1 – Rifle 10 rounds staged on Ammo Boxes

1 – Shotgun at least 4 rounds staged on Ammo Boxes



Shooter starts standing behind ammo boxes, arms spread. To start the clock the shooter repeats a quote By Samuel Adams to John Hancock at the Battle of Lexington, 19Apr1775. - **“What a glorious morning this is!”** ATB with rifle engage the center target with 3 rds. then each outside target with 1 rd. With second 5 rds. engage targets with 1 rd. on each outside target (no double taps) Then 3 rds. back on the center target. Restage. Move past the right side cactus and repeat the rifle instructions with the pistols. Holster pistols. Move past opposite cactus and with shotgun engage poppers. PMF.

## Stage 2

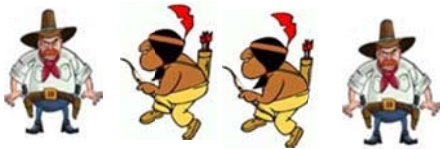
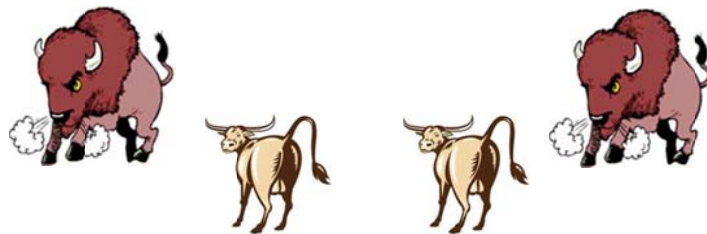
### July 4<sup>th</sup> 1826 – John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the second and third presidents of the United States, respectively, die on this day, the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Both men had been central in the drafting of the historic document; Jefferson had authored it, and Adams, who was known as the “colossus of the debate,” served on the drafting committee and had argued eloquently for the declaration’s passage. Adams’ last words were, “Thomas Jefferson still survives,” though his old friend and political adversary had died a few hours before.

2 – Pistols 5 round each holstered

1 – Rifle 10 rounds staged on table

1 – Shotgun 4 plus rounds staged on the table



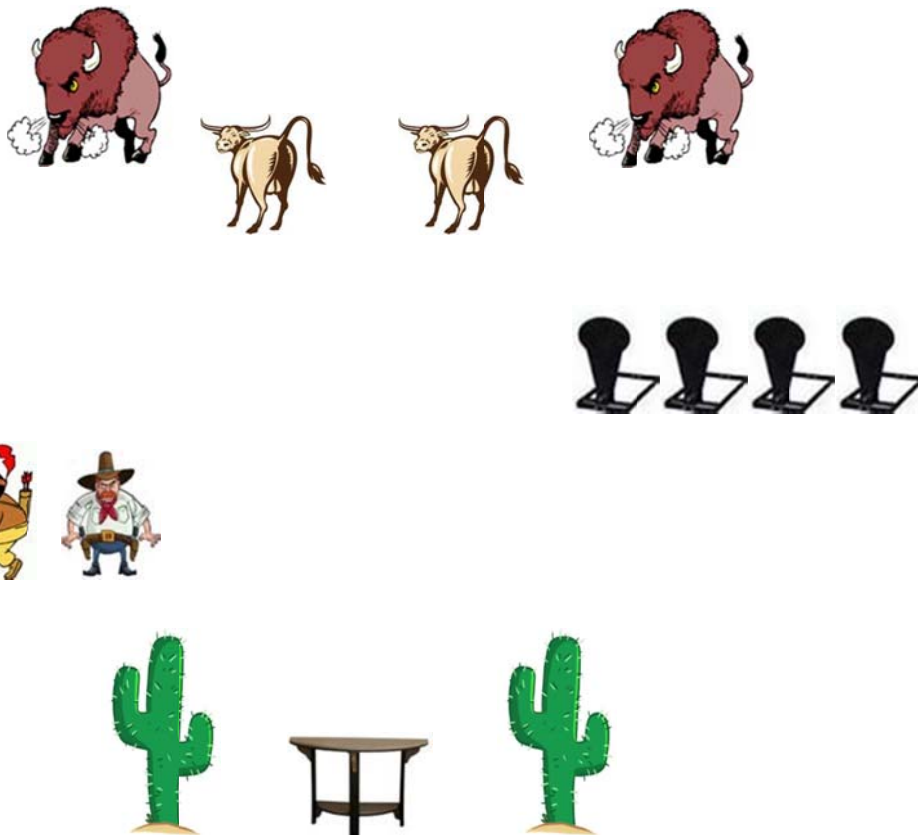
Shooter starts behind the table holding a feather. To start the clock stick the feather in the hat and call it “**Macaroni!**” At the beep with rifle, shoot the 2 end buffaloes 3 times each then the 2 bulls butts 2 times each. Restage safely. Move to the left outside the cactus and with the pistols shoot the 2 outside cowboys 3 times each then the 2 Indians 2 times each. Move to the outside of the right cactus and with the shotgun knock down the 4 poppers. PMF

### Stage 3

#### July 4<sup>th</sup> 1861 – Skirmish at Harper’s Ferry

Before vacating the town, the Rebels burned and destroyed as many buildings as they could. Somehow or another, the armory, famously captured by the abolitionist John Brown, still stood, now waving the flag of secession. Twelve daring men from Company C of the 9th New York commandeered two skiffs, paddled their way across the Potomac and entered the town. Private Edwin Butler climbed up the flagpole, grabbed onto the Confederate banner and tore it from its rigging. Back on the ground, he ripped it to pieces and shared the bits with his companions. With their business in town taken care of, they began to row back to the Maryland side. Halfway across, a band of Rebel cavalry rode up to the shore and fired upon the New Yorkers. A steady fire from one shore to the other was kept up for half an hour leaving one Union man dead and three wounded. Caught in the crossfire was a local shoemaker.

- 2 – Pistols 5 round each holstered
- 1 – Rifle 10 rounds staged on table
- 1 – Shotgun 4 plus rounds staged on the table



Shooter starts to the left of the Cactus hands on hat. To start the clock quote from John Adams in a letter to Abigail Adams 17Jul1775 – **“Liberty, once lost, is lost forever”** At the beep with first pistol shoot the 2 inside Indians 3-2. With the second pistol shoot the 2 outside cowboys 3-2 in the same direction as you shot the first Indians. Move to table and retrieve rifle. Repeat the pistol sequence starting with the bull’s butts then the buffalos. Restage rifle safely. Retrieve the shotgun and move to the right side of the cactus and knock down the 4 poppers. PMF

## Stage 4

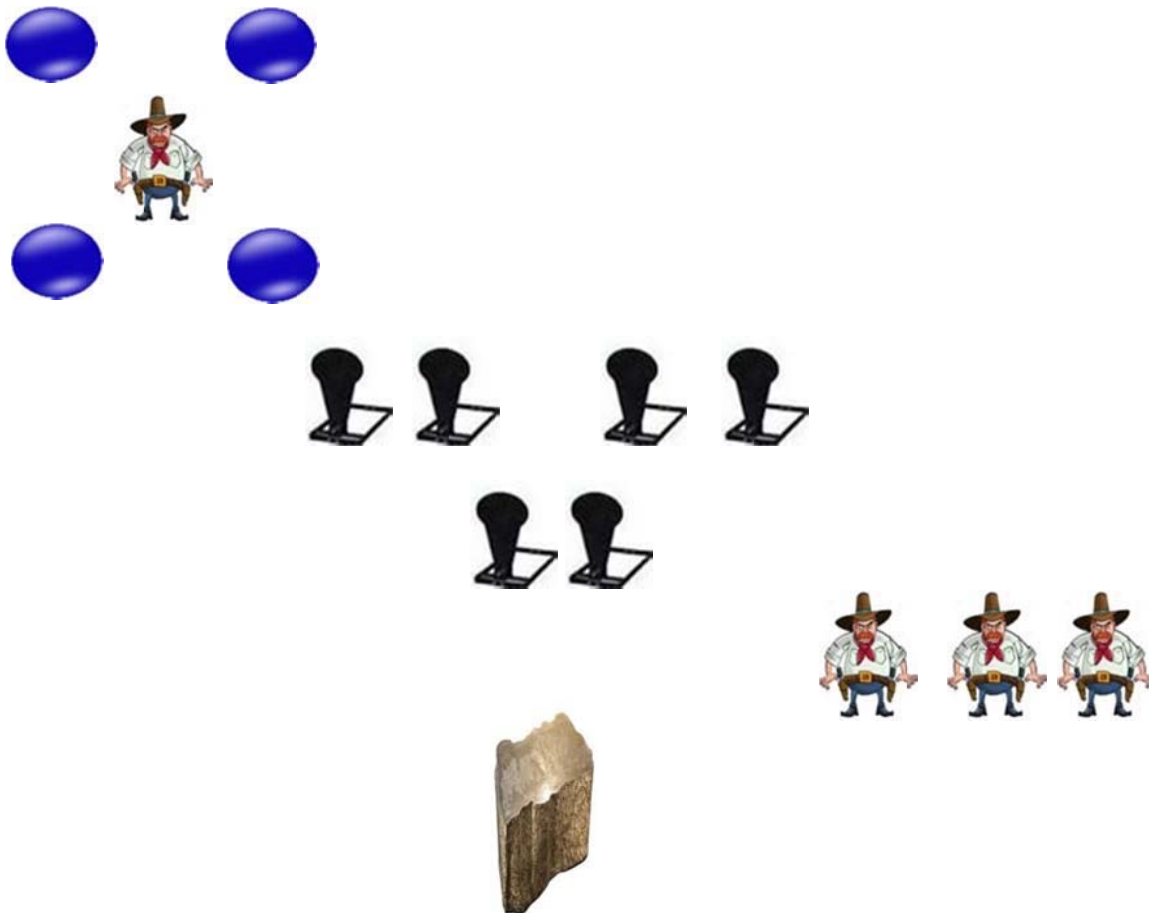
### July 4<sup>th</sup> 1863 – The Fall of Vicksburg

Vicksburg was the last major Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River; therefore, capturing it completed the second part of the Northern strategy, the Anaconda Plan. When two major assaults (May 19 and 22, 1863) against the Confederate fortifications were repulsed with heavy casualties, Grant decided to besiege the city beginning on May 25. With no reinforcement, supplies nearly gone, and after holding out for more than forty days, the garrison finally surrendered on July 4.

2 – Pistols 5 round each holstered

1 – Rifle 10 rounds staged on rock table

1 – Shotgun 6 plus rounds staged on the rock table



Shooter starts left of the Rock Table rifle at cowboy port arms. To start the clock quote Benjamin Franklin, From Poor Richard's Almanac 1753 "**Haste Makes Waste!**" At the beep shoot Sam, the 4 circles twice (single taps) and then Sam. Move to the rock table and stage the rifle safely. Pic up shotgun and engage the 4 poppers furthest away. Restage shotgun. Move to right of table and with the pistols engage the targets by alternate double tapping the outside cowboys for 8 rounds and double tapping the center target for the last 2 rounds. Move back to Rock table and knock down remaining 2 poppers. NOTE: Shooter may reengage any poppers left standing on the first shotgun pass on the second one. PMF

## Stage 5

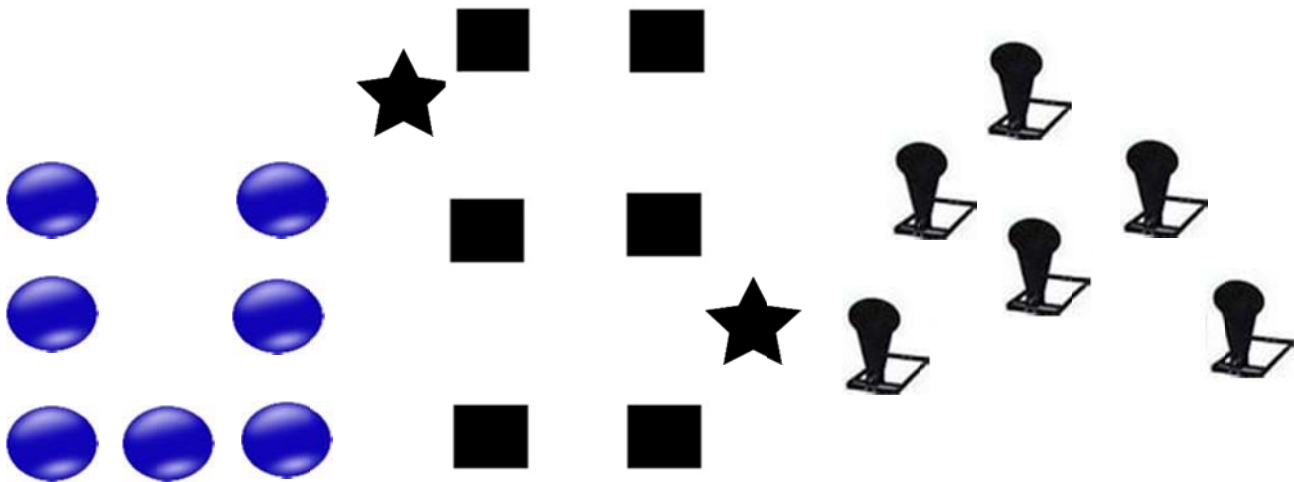
### July 4<sup>th</sup> 1883 – The First Wild West Show

In 1883, Buffalo Bill Cody staged an outdoor extravaganza called the “Wild West, Rocky Mountain, and Prairie Exhibition” for a Fourth of July celebration in North Platte, Nebraska. When the show was a success, Cody realized he could evoke the mythic West more effectively if he abandoned cramped theater stages for large outdoor exhibitions. The result was “Buffalo Bill’s Wild West,” a circus-like pageant celebrating life in the West. During the next four years, Cody performed his show all around the nation to appreciative crowds often numbering 20,000 people.

2 – Pistols 5 round each staged on the Coal Car

1 – Rifle 10 rounds staged on the Coal Car

1 – Shotgun 6 plus rounds staged on the Coal Car



Shooter starts to the left of the coal car to the left of the cactus, one hand above head, fist clenched the other hand at side. To start the clock quote Patrick Henry 23Mar1775 “Give me liberty or give me death!” ATB , with pistols engage the “U” starting on the top left as one would write a “U”. Engage the top two vertical targets with single taps, then across the bottom with double taps, then going up the other side engage the vertical targets with one round each. Holster pistols. Move to coal car. With rifle engage the “S” as you would write it, starting on the top right target, single tapping the squares and double tapping the stars as you engage. Restage. With safe shotgun move past right side cactus and engage the “A” as you would write it, starting on the bottom left. Move up the left side, down the right, with the last round on the middle. PMF.

Stage 1

Steel – 3 large squares  
3 Cowboys  
3 blue uprights  
3 red uprights  
4 poppers  
9 bases

Props – 1 small ammo box  
1 large ammo box  
2 large cactus  
1 small cactus

Stages 2 and 3

Steel – 2 buffalo  
2 bulls butts  
2 cowboys  
2 Indians  
4 poppers  
2 blue uprights  
2 white uprights  
4 red uprights  
10 bases

Props – 1 half moon table  
2 large cacti  
1 3 cornered hat (supplied by Charlie)  
Feathers (supplied by Charlie)

Stage 4

Steel – 1 circle sam rack  
3 large squares  
4 large circles  
3 red uprights  
6 poppers  
3 bases

Props – 2 standup cowboys  
1 rock table  
2 platforms

Stage 5

Steel – 4 black double stack uprights  
5 short red uprights  
1 red upright  
1 blue upright  
1 white upright  
7 large circles  
6 large squares  
2 stars  
6 poppers  
12 bases

Props – 1 coal car  
2 large cacti  
1 small cactus