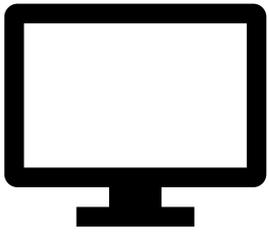


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The American Flag has changed multiple times through the years. Many consider Betsy Ross to be the first to create the flag. Married to Colonel George Ross' nephew, John, Betsy worshipped at Christ Church in Philadelphia. Her church pew was next to George and Martha Washington's bench. It was June of 1776, and Betsy ran an upholstery business.

Betsy often told the story of how she came to sew the American flag. In late May of 1776, Continental Congress members approached her at her shop. George Washington brought Ross a sketch of a flag with a six-pointed star. Together with Robert Morris and George Ross, he asked her to sew the first American flag. She made a five-pointed star in one scissor snip and set about making her flag.

**Early Flags:** Up until now, there were various flags for the colonies and militias. For example, the Continental Navy had a "Rattlesnake Flag" that said, "Don't Tread on Me". It depicted a rattlesnake on top of white and red stripes. The "Liberty Tree" flag had a green pine tree on white background. It read, "An Appeal to Heaven" and was used for the ships Washington commissioned. They had flags similar to Britain's Union Jack flag. However, that proved to be a mistake. The Grand Union flag was flown on Prospect Hill. Unfortunately, some thought it was a sign of defeat and surrender.

**Early Flags:** The first common flag was called the Grand Union Flag. It was very similar to the British flag which was called Union Jack or the King's Colours. The Grand Union Flag had many nicknames: The Continental Colors, The Congress Flag, The First Navy Ensign, and the Cambridge Flag. The mistake at Prospect Hill showed the need for a new American flag.

**Betsy Ross Flag:** The confusion of the flag led the Congressional Committee to request a new flag. Betsy Ross finished the flag in late May or early June of 1776. Her new flag was adopted on June 14, 1777, signifying pride and unity. It had 13 alternating red and white stripes representing the colonies. The blue upper left corner had 13 white stars in a circle. These stars symbolized a new constellation. The flag colors were symbolic. Red meant courage, blue symbolized justice, and white signified innocence. Note - there are no documents that prove Betsy Ross' story.

**Another Theory:** Others suggest that Congressman Francis Hopkinson designed the first American flag. He designed Continental money, the coin, and the Great Seal of the United States. Again, there is no proof of

In what city did Betsy Ross attend church? \*

- St. Augustine
- Philadelphia
- Pittsburgh
- New York City

What year was the Betsy Ross flag adopted? \*

- 1777
- 1892
- 1744
- None of the above

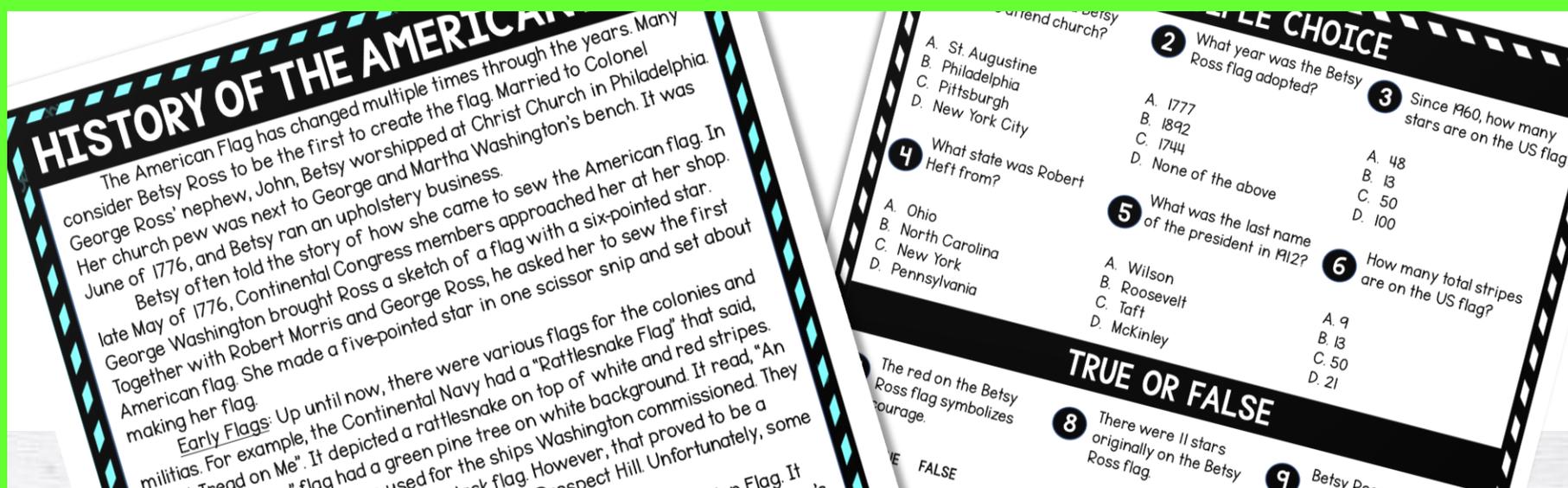
Since 1960, how many stars are on the US flag? \*

- 48
- 13
- 50
- 100

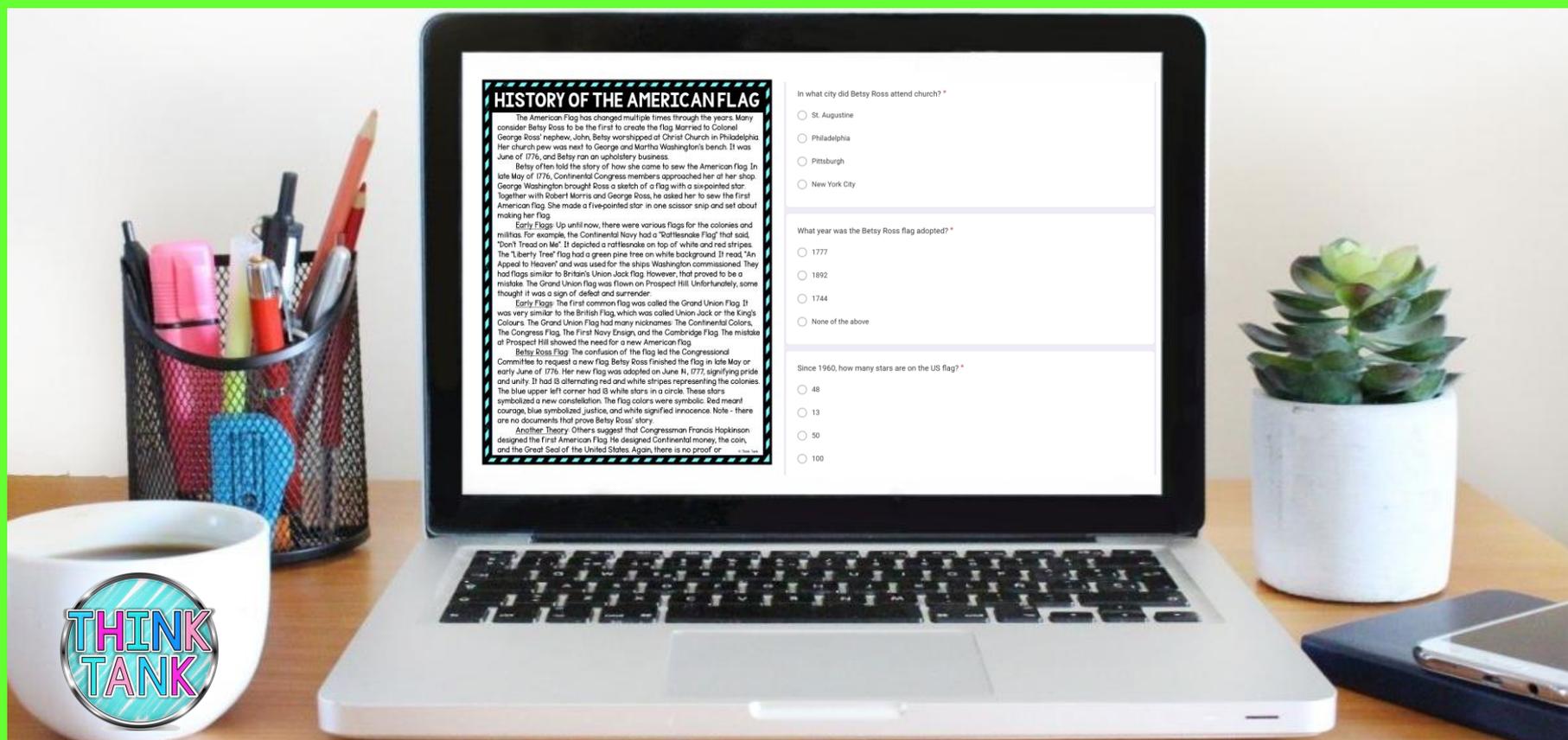


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# 15 QUESTIONS



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- ✓ READING PASSAGE
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  - ✓ ANSWER KEY
  - ✓ 15 QUESTIONS
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# QUESTION TYPES

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-  **EDITABLE QUESTIONS  
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True

False



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