

John Adams looks into the future of America

"The Second Day of July, 1776 will be the most memorable...in the history of America. I believe it will be celebrated by (future) generations, as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be celebrated with pomp and parade...with games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations (fireworks) from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more."

1. John Adams wrote this letter on July 3rd, 1776. What city was he in when he wrote this letter?
2. Who do you think Adams is writing this letter to?
3. What American holiday is Adams predicating in a remarkably accurate way? Explain.
4. How is Adams slightly off in his prediction?