Celebrations

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Birthday
(birth·day)
Celebration
(cel·e·bra·tion)

Photo: Confetti rains down at a July 4th celebration featuring the Boston Pops Orchestra in Boston, Massachusetts, July 2008. Taken by By U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Patrick. Released into public domain by the United States Navy.
Fireworks
(fire·works)

Gift

gift

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Independence
(in·de·pend·ence)

Definition: The political freedom from control by another country.
Example: The United States declared independence in 1776.
Memorial
(me·mo·ri·al)

Definition: Something designed to preserve the memory of a person, event, etc., as a monument or a holiday.
Example: People build memorials to remember someone important and the work that they did.
Parade
(pa·rade)
Thanksgiving
(thanks-giv-ing)

Definition: The act of giving thanks; grateful acknowledgement of benefits or favors.

Example: On the first Thanksgiving Day, the Pilgrims gave thanks for their bountiful harvest and to the Native Americans for their help.
Veteran (vet·er·an)

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Pilgrim
(pil·grim)
Settlers
(settlers)