



## *The First Anniversary of the United States*

Read the following description of how the delegates to the 1777 Treaty of Long Island on the Holston celebrated the first anniversary of the United States. Circle words that describe the celebration activities. Propose how you think your family or community should celebrate the next July 4<sup>th</sup>.

To Mr. Joseph Vann.

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Brothers, as this is a day of general rejoicing throughout the 13 United Countries from Canada to Floridas we hope our Brothers the Cherokees will now rejoice and be merry with us.

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