



Otázka: The United States of America

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Basic informations - people, political system,..

- The United States of America is a country in North America
- Federal republic composed of 50 states, a federal district and five territories
- Capital city: Washington D.C.
- President: Donald Trump
- There live about 300 million people (3rd most populated country in the world)
- Area is about 10 million kilometres sq.
- Currency: US dollar
- The largest city by population is New York City (other cities: Las Vegas, San Francisco, L.A., San Diego,..)
- USA is a free country. Every religion is accepted and people are freely choose to have religion or not
- The most used language is english
- The majority of the population originally came from Europe. The blacks in America were originally brought from Africa. There are also many Asians, Chinese and Japanese people.
- American flag consists of thirteen stripes of red (which represents 1st states in the USA) and in the left corner we can see a 50 stars, which represent the 50 states of the United States of America

History

- America was discovered by Christopher Columbus who was searching for a new



way to India

- In 1492 he landed in America actually he believed he was in India, that is why he called the original American inhabitants „Indians“
- America is called after Amerigo Vespucci, who first recognized it was a new continent

Geography

- The USA borders with Canada in the north, Mexico in the south
- There is also a lot of national parks, rivers, lakes, islands, valleys or deserts
- Central plains are bounded by the Rocky Mountains
- The highest mountain is Denali in the Alaska Range (6 194 m)
- The largest rivers are the Mississippi and the Missouri
- We can find there five Great Lakes – Lake Ontario, Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan and Lake Superior
- There are big variations of climate
- Temperatures change from arctic cold to subtropical warmth
- Death Valley in California is about the hottest place on earth in summer (*86 metres below sea level*)
- There are many national parks in the USA, visited by millions of people (Yellowstone n.p., Sequoia n.p., Grand Canyon,...)
- Deserts: Mohave, Sonoran
- Islands: Long Island, Hawaii

Economics

- The country has rich mineral resources, with many gold, coal and uranium deposits.
- Farming makes the country among the top producers of corn, wheat, sugar, and tobacco.
- They produces cars, airplanes, and electronics.
- About 75% of Americans work in the service industry.



Famous people

- Mark Twain – writer, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- Henry Ford – founder of the Ford motor company
- Neil Armstrong – famous american cosmonaut
- Michael Jackson – singer, dancer, „King of pop“
- Taylor Swift – popsinger
- Lady Gaga – singer, songwriter
- Brad Pitt – actor
- Jennifer Aniston – she played in sitcom Friends, Just go with it, Marley and Me, We're Millers and others, She was married with Brad Pitt

Tourists spots

- Mount Rushmore
- It is a national memorial located in South Dakota showing the faces of four former American presidents
- Yellowstone
- The park contains half of all the world's known geothermal features, with more than 10,000 examples of geysers and hot springs