



Otázka: The USA in general

Jazyk: Angličtina

Přidal(a): krejx

Basic information

- Federal constitutional republic
- 4th largest country after Russia, Canada, China
- The area – million km square
- 50 states + federal district – Washington D.C. (district of Columbia) – the capital, 3,4mil. Inhabitants, not industrial city, no skyscrapers, most federal institutions such as White house – president Barack Obama
- Liberal democracy
- The Capitol – Congress (2 parts – the Senate, the House of Representatives) or the Pentagon – department of defence
- Hawaii which lies in Pacific Ocean
- Language: american english
- New York – the biggest city
- Currency – U.S. dollar
- „melting pot“ – a lot of cultures and ethnic groups
- Neighbours – Canada, Mexico
- Alaska is separated from the rest of the USA

Geography

- Varied – huge area
- West: Mountainous – Sierra Nevada, the Cordilleras (including Great Canyon)
- Southwest: deserts
- The middle: the plains



- The east: the Appalachian mountains, Atlantic plain
- The lowest extreme: Death Valley
- The highest mountain: Mount McKinley in the Alaska range
- The longest river: Mississippi „father of water“
- Others: Colorado, Rio Grande, Ohio, Niagara, Missouri
- Great lakes (borders with Canada)
- NP: Yellowstone, Rocky mountains, Grand Canyon, Sequoia

Symbols

- Flag: 13 red and white stripes symbolising the original 13 states which used to be the British colonies, first flag created in 1776, on the blue field in the top corner 50 white stars – each star represents one of the 50 states, each stripe one of the original state
- Anthem: the star-Spangled Banner
- The Statue of Liberty – the present from France
- The bald eagle, the rose

History

- 1492 – Christopher Columbus
- 1607 – the first colony in Virginia
- 17th century – colonists (mainly British but also German, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish)
- 1775-1783 – the War of Independence

Climate

- Various, temperate
- Tropical zone: Hawaii islands
- Snow and arctic zone: Alaska
- Mild climate: central part

Natural dangers

- Earth quakes, volcanoes, forest fires, mudslides, hurricanes, tornadoes



Cities

- Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago – north-east
- L.A. (film studio in Hollywood), San Francisco (Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz – the most famous prison in the world) – on the west coast
- Las Vegas – city of gamble

Sports in the UK

- **The big three sports: American football, baseball, basketball**
- **Tennis, Ice-Hockey, Michael Phelps**

Holidays and festivals

- **New years day, Easter, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Valentine's day, Mother's Day, Saint Patrick's Day, Halloween**
- **Independence day**
- **Martin Luther King Day**
- **Thanksgiving day**

Culture

- **Edgar Allan Poe, Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, Francis Scott Fitzgerald, Mark Twain, Herman Melville, Dan Brown, John Irving, Ken Kesey**
- **Beyoncé, Kelly Clarkson, Britney Spears, Madonna, Mariah Carey, Miley Cyrus, Lady Gaga, Michael Jackson, Eminem, Usher, Justin Timberlake**
- **Sandra Bullock, Steve Martin, Eddi Murphy, Woody Allen**