

Hallo ihr Lieben,

einiges des Stoffes, den ich eigentlich liebend gerne mit euch im Unterricht von Mensch zu Mensch bearbeitet hätte, bietet sich ganz gut für die kommenden Wochen zum selbstständigen Erarbeiten an. Bitte beantwortet alle Aufgaben schriftlich und in ganzen Sätzen. Das große Thema, welches wir nun beginnen, lautet *USA*. Die folgenden Themenbereiche erwarten euch:

0. Warm-up, getting into the topic

Set up a brainstorm on the United States of America. Collect as many ideas connected to the US as possible. Maybe a DIN/A3 format would be adequate...

1. Das Selbstverständnis der USA (the Great Seal, the national anthem and the Frontier)

**The Great Seal**

The Great Seal has an obverse and a reverse side. Find out about the meaning of what you can find on the seal. It seems like the number 13 plays an important role... Get as much information as possible and then try to **answer** the following question **with regard to the Great Seal**:

*Why do Americans think of themselves as the most important nation on this planet?*

**National anthem(s)**

*The Star-Spangled Banner* is the national anthem of the USA. President Obama once said to one of his staff that he wished the song *America the Beautiful* had made it for the national anthem.

Compare the two texts and decide on your own which one you prefer and why. Find arguments why Obama prefers *America the Beautiful* over *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Listen to different versions of the two songs.

**The Frontier**

Follow the instructions on the worksheet "Frontier".

## 2. Religion (diverse religious beliefs)

This section's purpose is not to give you an overview of the religious variety and current situation in the US. This section is about some examples which will confront you with a lot of vocabulary connected to the topic *religion*. The exercises in files "Religion 4 and 5" refer to the text files. You will find your way through ;-)

1. Open file "Religion 1" and answer the questions. Yes ladies, in case your answer is *no*, you should give reasons. Also think of reasons why the answer might be *yes* for other people.
2. Read the text in file "Religion 2". I apologize for the poor quality of the text. You will find the tasks what to do with the text in file "Religion 3".
3. Work on the tasks in "Religion 4 and 5" with the use of the corresponding texts.
4. Set up a vocabulary list of religious terms and their translation.

## 3. Umweltbewusstsein (Environment)

1. Open file "Environment 1" and speculate why this region is called *Ecotopia*.
2. Now read the text in file "Environment 2" and find out why.
3. Why does this (not) surprise you?
4. Now work on exercises 9, 10, and 12 below the text.

This should be enough work for you to cover up the lessons we will not have together in the following 3 weeks.

Stay healthy and reasonable concerning your social behavior.

See you hopefully on April 20 ☺