

## America: Melting Pot or Salad Bowl?

Here is a **pot**.

We use pots for cooking.



Sometimes when we cook, we **melt** things--->



<https://youtu.be/H3MacrQ8Ve4?si=HLka4bKAVZwyqnRP>

Watch the video. How do you make chocolate sauce? First, \_\_\_\_\_  
Next, \_\_\_\_\_  
Then, \_\_\_\_\_  
Finally, \_\_\_\_\_

Translate into your native language: melt= \_\_\_\_\_ pot= \_\_\_\_\_ taste= \_\_\_\_\_

When you eat the chocolate sauce, will you taste the milk? \_\_\_\_ Will you taste the butter? \_\_\_\_ Will you taste the honey? \_\_\_\_

When you put milk, butter, chocolate, and honey in a pot and melt them, you make something **new**. What do you make? \_\_\_\_\_ It doesn't taste like butter or honey or milk. It tastes like chocolate sauce!

**metaphor** = try to describe something by saying one thing **IS** another thing



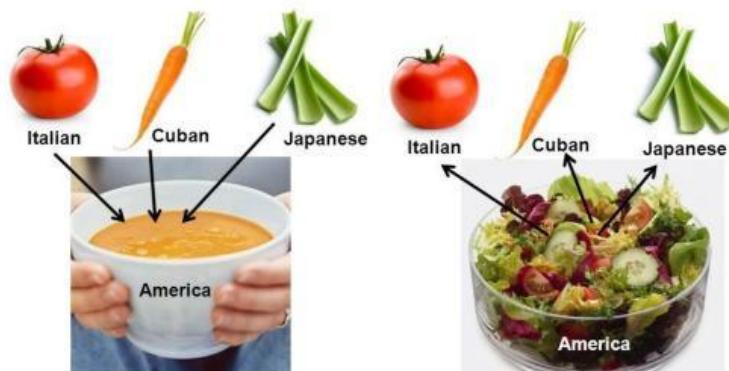
Many people say that America is a **melting pot**. People come here from all over the world. They add ideas from their cultures to the "pot." Then we all "melt" together to make something new. That new thing is America. Tell 2 things that your native culture has "put in the pot." \_\_\_\_\_

## What's in the Melting Pot?

Most Americans like tacos. Most Americans have Christmas trees in December. Most Americans shoot fireworks on the 4th of July. Most American children have heard stories of Baba Yaga. Most Americans have listened to jazz. These things are now part of American life. Who put them in the American melting pot?

Immigrants from \_\_\_\_\_ made Christmas trees part of American culture.  
Immigrants from \_\_\_\_\_ introduced Americans to tacos.  
Immigrants from \_\_\_\_\_ showed Americans how to make fireworks.  
Immigrants from \_\_\_\_\_ told stories about Baba Yaga.  
Immigrants from \_\_\_\_\_ created jazz music.

### Melting Pot vs. Salad Bowl



Some people use a different metaphor for American. They say America is a big bowl of salad. Watch the video. Explain how to make a salad.

<https://youtu.be/bMactSaZWfU?si=d2C-54gWJBHHWiY>

First, \_\_\_\_\_

Next, \_\_\_\_\_

Then, \_\_\_\_\_

After that, \_\_\_\_\_

Then, \_\_\_\_\_

Finally, \_\_\_\_\_

In the salad, will you taste the tomatoes? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you taste the onions? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you taste the carrots? \_\_\_\_\_ The salad doesn't change the lettuce, onions, or tomatoes. It has many different things all in one place: the bowl is America.

Melting Pot or Salad Bowl? You Decide!

Write a topic sentence that tells your opinion.

In my opinion, America is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Now use that topic sentence to start an essay.

### I. Introduction

Topic sentence: \_\_\_\_\_.

Big Idea 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Big Idea 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Big Idea 3: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Body A

Restate Big Idea 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Idea 1a: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Idea 1b: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Idea 1c: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Body B

Restate Big Idea 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Idea 2a: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Idea 2b: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Idea 2c: \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Body C

Restate Big Idea 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Idea 3a: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Idea 3b: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Idea 3c: \_\_\_\_\_

### V. Conclusion

Restate Topic Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize Big Ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

Concluding Thought: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the outline you completed to write the final draft of your essay on a Word document or Google doc.