

# USA

The United States of America was founded on July \_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. A former British colony, it fought the Revolutionary War to earn freedom.

America was discovered by Christopher Columbus in \_\_\_\_\_. The first English colony was founded in Virginia in 1607. The original \_\_ colonies that later became the United States were founded by the English. America became independent from England in 1776. From 1861 – 1865, the C\_\_\_\_\_ War between the North and the South ended s\_\_\_\_\_ of African Americans

Today there are \_\_ states and a federal district (W \_\_\_\_\_, D.C.).

The US is bordered by C\_\_\_\_\_ (in the north) and M\_\_\_\_\_ (in the south). A \_\_\_\_\_ (the largest state) and Hawaii are separated from the US mainland.

With an area of more than \_\_\_\_ million square kilometers, the US is the \_\_\_\_\_ largest country in the world, and the geography is very varied. The e\_\_\_\_ coast has many cities, like New York City, Boston and the capital, Washington, D.C. The m\_\_\_\_\_ of the country is quite flat; this is where most of the farming occurs. The s\_\_\_\_\_ half is more tropical in the east and more desert-like in the west. The w\_\_\_\_\_ half also has many mountains (the R\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_ ) and national parks. The longest US river is the M \_\_\_\_\_ - Missouri River system.

The highest mountain is Mount Mc K\_\_\_\_ (Denali) in Alaska (6,196 m).

The Great Lakes are a series of interconnected freshwater lakes. It consists of Lake S \_\_\_\_\_, M\_\_\_\_\_, H\_\_\_\_\_, E\_\_\_\_\_ and O\_\_\_\_\_.

There are about \_\_\_\_ million people in the US. The country is often called a “m\_\_\_\_\_ pot” because it is made up of so many different ethnic groups. There are five major ones: White, Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American.

The American political system is laid out in its Constitution. The government is divided into three branches: the executive, legislative and judicial. The executive branch is made up of the president and his cabinet, or advisors. The legislative branch is the section that makes the laws. It is made up of two houses, the S\_\_\_\_\_ and the H\_\_\_\_\_ of R\_\_\_\_\_. Together they form the Congress. The judicial branch is the federal court system, which enforces and defines the laws made by Congress. The highest court in the country is called the S\_\_\_\_\_ Court.

There are a lot of natural attractions in the US, such as Yellowstone National Park with its geysers and Yosemite National Park with its rocks and waterfalls. The G\_\_\_\_\_ Canyon is a spectacular canyon on the Colorado River. In Sequoia National Park you can find some of the largest living trees on Earth. Everglades National Park in Florida is a special wetland where you can see many animals including alligators.

Describe the American flag and explain its symbols :

National anthem :

National bird: