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The USA

FLAG ON SEPTEMBER 11



BASIC FACTS

- ✘ Total area: 9,631,418 sq km
- ✘ Population: 302.7 million (2012)
- ✘ Capital: Washington, District of Columbia
- ✘ The United States is the third largest country in the world in both size, and population.
- ✘ It is approximately half the size of Russia.

WASHINGTON D.C.



THE USA

- ✘ The USA stands for the United States of America.
- ✘ It can be also called the US.
- ✘ The USA is located in North America.
- ✘ It occupies the south part of North American Continent.
- ✘ The population of the USA is more than 300 million.

MARINE CORPS



THE USA

- ✘ Today there are 50 semi-autonomous states and a federal district (Washington, D.C.).
- ✘ The states share the president, the capital city, federal government, federal flag, and currency.
- ✘ 48 states are in southern part of North America, only 2 of them are separated from the US mainland - Alaska (the largest state) and Hawaii in the Pacific Ocean, 3,200 km south-west off California.

THE USA - STATES

- ✘ The other states include e.g.:
- ✘ New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida on the east coast.
- ✘ California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada on the west coast.
- ✘ Texas, New Mexico, Alabama in the south.
- ✘ Michigan, Montana, North Dakota in the north, etc.

SUNRISE IN FLORIDA



BAYWATCH IN MIAMI, FL



HOOVER DAM



LAS VEGAS



POPULATION

- ✘ The native inhabitants are called Native Americans.
- ✘ The majority of population is white but there are a lot of people from Africa (African Americans), Asia (Asian Americans) and all over the world.
- ✘ People who came from former Czechoslovakia are called Czech Americans.
- ✘ The biggest community of Czech Americans is in Chicago, Illinois or Florida.

MELTING BOWL

- ✘ The USA is a nation of immigrants, so also other languages, besides English, are spoken e.g. Spanish spoken by Mexican people in the south (Florida), Chinese in the China Towns (San Francisco, New York City), Italian, Russian etc.
- ✘ The US is sometimes called pizza (or melting bowl) because there are a lot of different nations.

HISTORY

- ✘ The United States was officially founded on July 4, 1776.
- ✘ The former British colonies declared their independence.
- ✘ A long war (War of Independence) followed between the USA and Britain, ending with an American victory in 1783.
- ✘ The first constitution was proclaimed in 1789.

CLIMATE

- ✘ Although the climate is mostly temperate, there are extremes.
- ✘ In Alaska the climate is arctic.
- ✘ In Florida and Hawaii the climate is tropical.
- ✘ There are also semi-arid (dry) areas in the west, and arid conditions in the southwest.

GEOGRAPHY

- ✘ The geography is varied.
- ✘ The east coast has a lot of large cities including New York City, Boston, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia.
- ✘ The middle of the country is quite flat.
- ✘ The southern part is more tropical in the east and more desert-like in the west.
- ✘ There are a lot of mountain (The Rocky Mountains) and national parks in the west .

GEOGRAPHY

- ✘ The longest river is the Mississippi.
- ✘ The other rivers are the Missouri, The Ohio, The Hudson, The Colorado, The Rio Grande, The Columbia, etc.
- ✘ The highest Mountain is Mt. McKinley in Alaska (6,196 m).
- ✘ The highest mountains are the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachian Mountains.

NIAGARA FALLS



POLITICAL SYSTEM

- ✘ Type of Government: The USA is federal republic based on a strong constitution.
- ✘ The government is divided into three branches, the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial.
- ✘ There are two main political parties: the Republicans (conservative) and the Democrats (liberal).
- ✘ Barack Obama (Democrat) won the presidential election in 2012.

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- ✘ The Legislative branch is a congress made up of the Senate (100 Senators from each state) and the House of Representatives (435 members - based on state population).
- ✘ Both senators and representatives are directly elected by the citizens of the state they represent.
- ✘ Senators serve a term of six years, while representatives serve two years.

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- ✘ The Executive is made up of the president and his cabinet.
- ✘ The president is head of the government. There is no prime minister.
- ✘ The president and vice president are chosen by the Electoral College, made up of representatives from each state.
- ✘ The president and vice president serve four year terms, and are limited to just two terms.

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

- ✘ The Judicial branch enforces and interprets the laws made by the Legislative and approved by the Executive.
- ✘ This branch consists of many levels of federal courts.
- ✘ The highest of these is the Supreme Court.
- ✘ It consists of 9 justices appointed for life).

CURRENCY

- ✘ Currency of the US is one American dollar (100 cents). 1 dollar is usually paper. 1 dollar is called „a buck“.
- ✘ 1 cent it is called a penny a 5-cent is called a nickel, a 10-cent is called a dime, a 25-cent is called a quarter, a 50-cent is called a half dollar.
- ✘ The coins are the same within the whole US.
- ✘ However, quarter coins are different in every state.

QUESTIONS:

- ✘ What is the capital of the USA?
- ✘ What is the population of the USA?
- ✘ What is a melting bowl?
- ✘ What is the highest mountain in the USA?
- ✘ What US rivers do you know?
- ✘ What do you know about the political system?
- ✘ What is the currency of the USA?

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