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GEOGRAPHY OF THE USA AND INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICAN STUDIES

TEACHER'S SHEET

Background information:

Plot:

- *Basic information*
- *Geographical relief*
- *Rivers and lakes*
- *Climate*
- *Cities*
- *National economy*

- *Basic information: federation of 50 states*
capital: Washington, DC
population: 313 million people
area: 9,826,675 km²
languages: no official language, English (82%),
Spanish, others
Native Americans and Alaska Native (5.2 million)

- *Geography:*
 - *East coast – Appalachian Mountains*
 - *Great Lakes Region*
 - *Mississippi Basin – Great plains*
 - *Midwest*
 - *The Cordilleras – the Rocky Mountains, Sierra Nevada, Cascade Range (Mt. Whitney)*

- *Rivers: the Mississippi and Missouri system, Yukon, Hudson,..*
- *Lakes: Great Lakes, Salt Lake, ..*

- *National economy:*
economic world power, mineral resources, agriculture

- *Culture, literature, people*

Teacher's notes:

Task I:

Geography of the USA in questions. Put the handout on the data projector or print the handout and have students answer the questions.

Task II:

Students should discuss their own knowledge of the basic American facts.

1. Tell students to draw their own images which associate with the USA, have them share their own ideas, students may guess each other's pictures
2. Copy a handout with pictures, give one to a pair of students and let them discuss why these pictures might be symbols of the USA.
3. Make bigger groups and let them share their knowledge.
4. Tell them to turn the page and check their opinions.

OR

use data projector instead of copying and follow the same instructions.

Zdroje informací:

www.en.wikipedia.org

www.america.gov

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Zdroje obrázků a fotografií:

<http://office.microsoft.com>

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Geography of the United States

What or who is Washington, Washington, D.C. or G. Washington?



Can you describe and explain the US flag?



What is the highest peak, deepest point, longest river, smallest and largest state of the USA?

How many states are there in the USA? Do you know any other dependent territories?

What is Michigan, Superior, Erie? Can you add two more and where would you find them?

What is the population of the USA and what are the main minorities there?

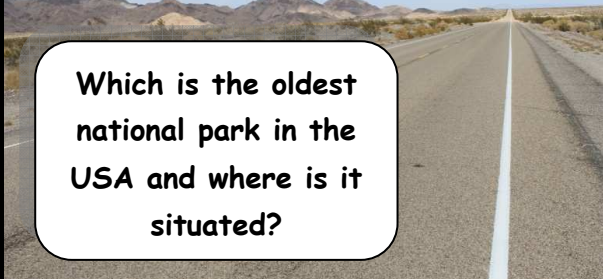
What are these cities usually associated with? Detroit? New Orleans? San Francisco? Los Angeles?

Can you characterize the climate of the USA?

Can you name at least three mountain ranges in the Cordilleras?

Which is the oldest national park in the USA and where is it situated?

Can you name at least four Native American tribes?



Now see the solution to the pictures:

1. Stars and Stripes. American flag, symbolizes first 13 states (stripes) and 50 current states of the USA (stars)
2. American natural beauties - volcanoes in Yellowstone National Park, the oldest NP (founded in 1872)
3. Liberty Bell - symbol of American independence, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4. Donkey - symbol of the Democratic Party
5. Statue of Liberty - on Liberty Island in New York, the gift of the French people to the Americans in 1886
6. American military force, controversial conflicts, Korean War (1950-1953), Vietnam War (1960s-1975), Gulf War (1990-1991), Afghanistan, etc..
7. Elephant - symbol of the Republican Party
8. Native Americans - indigenous (=original) inhabitants of the USA, numerous and various tribes and ethnic groups, many of them totally exterminated
9. The Capitol in Washington, DC - the seat of the Congress of the USA
10. 9/11/2001 - terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre in New York, start of the war against terrorism
11. 4th July - Independence Day - parades, fireworks, celebrations of the Declaration of Independence from 4/7/1776
12. Natural beauties in the USA - Mt. Whitney (the highest peak in the continental states, in California - 4421 m.) or Mt. McKinley (the highest peak of the USA in Alaska - 6194 m)
13. Golden Gate Bridge - suspension bridge in San Francisco, one of the technical wonders in the USA
14. The first man on the Moon - Neil Armstrong in 1969. "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."
15. Thanksgiving Day - national holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday after the first Monday in November to commemorate the first English settlements in North America (Pilgrim Fathers)
16. Barack Obama - the first African-American President, elected for the second term in 2012
17. Hippies - subculture in the late sixties, connected with Eastern philosophy, cultural diversity, music, protests against the Vietnam War
18. The Gold Rush - discovery of gold in California in 1848 and Alaska in the 1860s led to enormous migration to the west

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Try to identify the following pictures / symbols of the United States. Tell your partner as much as you know about each picture / symbol. Then turn the page and see if you are right.

