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The United States of America



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Area: 9.5 million km²
(3rd largest country in the world)

Population: 300 million people

Capital City: Washington D.C.

Currency: 1 U.S.Dollar

The United States consist of 50 states:

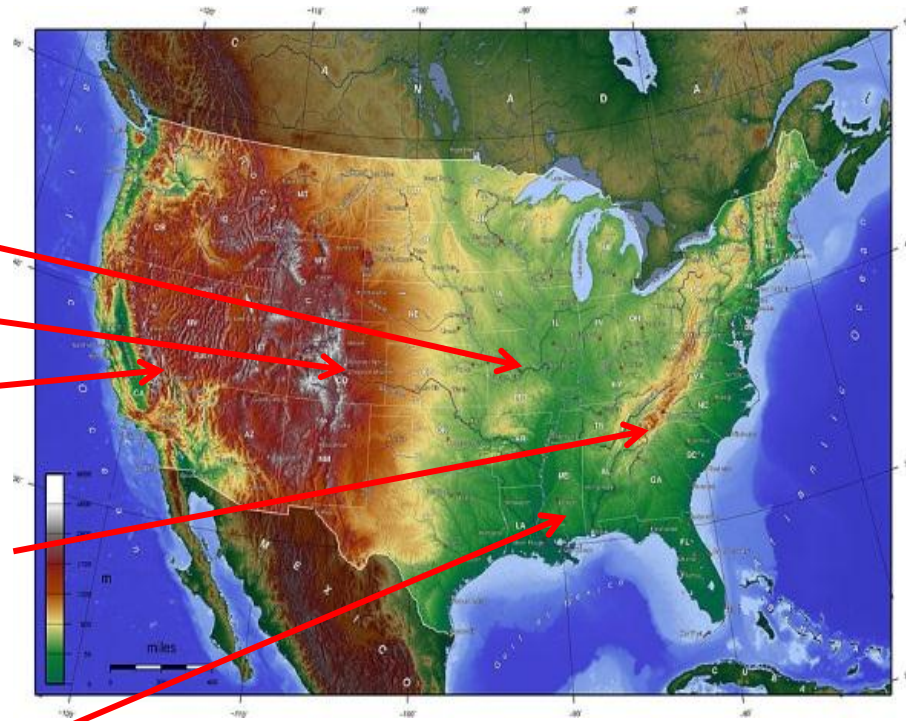
- **48** of them are situated in the southern part of the North American continent
- **Alaska** is in the Northwest
- **Hawaii** is an island in the pacific Ocean



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Geography :

- the landscape of the U.S. is varied
- there are **wide central plains** surrounded by the **Rocky Mountains, Sierra Nevada** and **Cascades** in the west and by the **Appalachian Mountains** in the east
- another **plain** can be found around the **Gulf of Mexico**.



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Mount McKinley is the highest mountain in the U.S.A.



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- it is **6,194** meters high and it is in **Alaska**

Rivers and lakes:

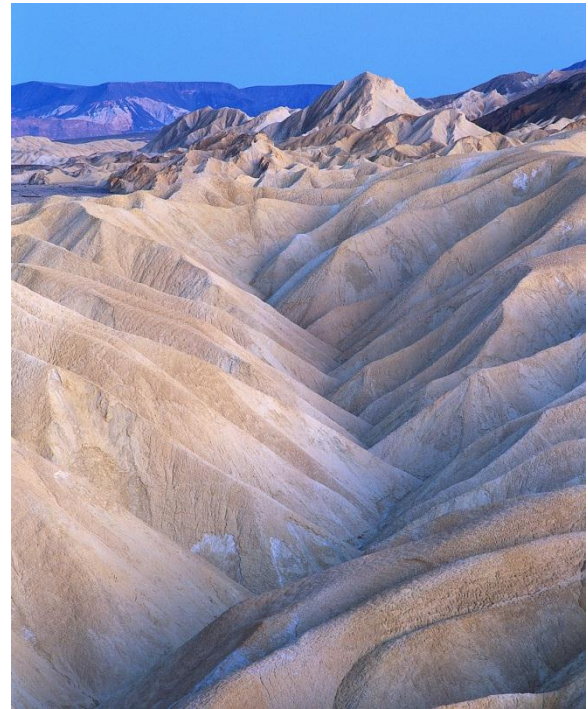
- **Missouri** is the longest river
- **Mississippi** is the second longest river
- **Great Lakes** - Ontario, Erie, Huron, Michigan and Superior – can be found on the Canadian border
- the famous **Niagara Falls** are between the lakes Ontario and Erie



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Climate:

- the climate is **varied** - from the arctic climate in the north to the subtropical climate in the south
- **Death Valley** in California is the hottest place on the Earth



Death Valley

Population and Cities:

- the majority of population originally came from **Europe**
- the **Afroamericans** were originally brought from Africa as slaves
- there are also many **Asians and Hispanic** people
- the original inhabitants (Indians) are called **Native Americans**

Cities in the east:

New York

- the **biggest city** of the U.S.A.
(more than 8 million inhabitants)
- **cosmopolitan city** (there are many nations)
- called "**Big Apple**" or "**City which never sleeps**"
- lots of **skyscrapers**
- 5 parts – **Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island**

New York



Washington D.C.

- the **capital** of the U.S.A.
- the seat of the American **President** (the White House) and American **Congress** (Capitol)



Philadelphia

- originally the capital of the U.S.A.



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Cities in the west:

Los Angeles

- the **second largest** city in the U.S.A.
- also called the "**City of Angels**"
- one of its districts is called **Beverly Hills** – it is a very expensive place to live for famous and rich people
- another part of L.A. - **Hollywood** - is well-known for making films

Los Angeles



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San Francisco

- the dominant of the city is **Golden Gate Bridge**
(in reality it is orange or light red)
- **Alcatraz** - a well-known prison
- is situated on an island nearby
- there many **hilly streets** with
cable cars



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Cities in the north:

Chicago

- the **third largest** city in the U.S.A.
- **industrial** city with the **busiest airport** in the world (called O'Hare)
- situated on the bank of **Lake Michigan**

Detroit

- notorious for its **car industry**

Chicago and Detroit skylines



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Cities in the south:

New Orleans

- famous for **jazz music**



Dallas

- connected with **oil industry**
- the assassination of **President Kennedy** in 1963 took place here



Kennedy

Political System

- the U.S. are a **federal constitutional republic**
 - ➔ power is divided between the **Federal** Government and the **state** governments
- based on the **Constitution of 1789**
- **the Federal Government** consists of three departments:
 - 1) the Executive Department (the President)
 - 2) the Congress
 - 3) the Supreme Court

The President of the U.S.A.

- nowadays **Barrack Obama** (44th American President)
- elected every **4 years**
- his official residence is the **White House** in Washington D.C.



The Congress

- has 2 houses – the **Senate** and
the **House of Representatives**
- its seat is in the **Capitol** in Washington D.C.

Outstanding Personalities:

- in literature: Nobel Prize winners Ernest **Hemingway** and John **Steinbeck**
 - in science: Thomas Alva **Edison** - invented the electric bulb, Albert **Einstein** - a famous physicist born in Germany, later lived in the U.S., formulated the theory of relativity
 - in music: Ella **Fitzgerald** - a jazz singer, George **Gershwin** - a composer, Elvis **Presley** - a rock-and-roll singer
- and many many more ...**

Do you know them?

Marilyn Monroe



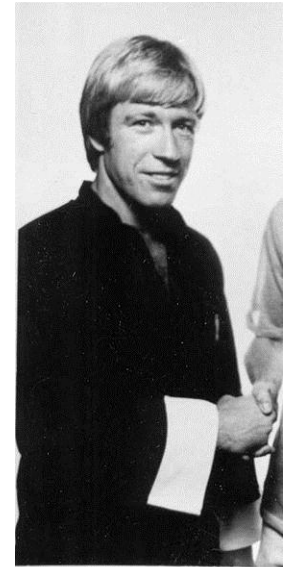
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Bart Simpson



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Chuck Norris



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Now look at the map and talk about the United States of America for at least 5 minutes :



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