



Presentation Visits

Diese Themen haben wir in unserem Programm:

Ab Januar 2020 neu im Programm:

The U.S. Primaries and Presidential Elections 2020

(Ab Klasse 10)

This presentation introduces the U.S. political system with a focus on the upcoming 2020 Presidential Elections. Our experts will examine the presidential campaign, break down the election process ahead of the primaries and presidential elections. They will analyze the topics that splits the candidates across party lines. Together with the students top policy issues will be discussed from a transatlantic perspective.

Seit September 2019 neu im Programm:

Gun Violence in the U.S.

(Ab Klasse 10)

From Columbine to Parkland: Gun violence is a hot-button issue in the U.S. Our expert, with support of staggering statistics, demystifies the image that is often invoked about the gun culture in the United States. Current gun law legislation will be examined with voices from activists, Congress members, and lobbyists.

California: Life in the Golden State

(Ab Klasse 8)

California is a state of tremendous diversity and high ideals. Historically being the destination for immigrants in search of the “California dream”, today the “Golden State” has the largest population and the strongest economy in the country. On the other hand, California is also home to striking economic inequality, racial and ethnic tensions, and an overcrowded prison system.

Go West

(Ab Klasse 8)

Millions of settlers pushed the American frontier further and further west from the 17th to the 19th century. This presentation provides information about the history of the American West and illustrates why the frontier experience still plays such an important role in U.S. national identity.

Immigration in America I: History

(Ab Klasse 8)

Three major periods of immigration are reviewed: the mid-1800s, the turn of the century, and contemporary immigration. We will also examine the key questions shaping the immigrant experience: How and why do people choose to leave their homes? Is the U.S. really a “melting pot” where immigrants lose their cultural heritage? And how has the government responded to immigration?

Global Climate Change and the USA

(Klasse 8/9 oder ab Klasse 10)

The USA, with all its pristine wilderness, has a strong history of environmental protection and conservation. Why then is the nation so hesitant to acknowledge the problem of global climate change and take action against it? While younger students learn how climate change works and affects our lives, older students examine and discuss current U.S. climate change policies.

A Latino in America

(Ab Klasse 9)

Miguel Prieto-Valle grew up as a Mexican-American in Tucson, Arizona. Based on his personal experience, he addresses issues that are pivotal to millions of immigrants: access to education, the fight against racial prejudice, and the challenge of calling the U.S. your “home”.

One Nation under God: Religion in the U.S.

(Ab Klasse 9)

This presentation examines the tradition of religious freedom in the U.S., the role of religion in daily life (“In God We Trust”), and the wide variety of religious groups present there, including the Latter-Day-Saints (Mormons), Evangelicalism, Judaism, Islam, Asian spiritual traditions, and the growth of secularism.

How the U.S. Government Works

(Ab Klasse 10)

This presentation serves as a comprehensive introduction to the U.S. system of government. Among other things, you will find out the difference between the Senate and the House of Representatives, what legal cases the Supreme Court hears, and how much power the American president actually has.

The Black Civil Rights Movement

(Ab Klasse 10)

From slavery to a black president in 150 years. Progress in America’s race relations? Yes. The end of the road for black civil rights? No. Race remains one of the most difficult issues in the United States today. Students will gain an overview of the Black Civil Rights movement of the 1960’s and the ongoing struggle for racial equality in America.

Immigration in America II: Current Issues

(Ab Klasse 10)

The focus of this lecture will be on the present-day struggle for the American Dream, both from an illegal immigrant’s perspective and from a middle class American standpoint. Who has the right to the American Dream? Does the U.S. have a responsibility to those less fortunate? And how should the Mexico-United States border be controlled?

Current Political Issues and the U.S. Government

(Ab Klasse 11)

We will explore the three branches of the U.S. Government, with a particular eye on the controversial issues that are being faced today. Depending on topicality, such an issue might be the death penalty, changes in gun law legislation or the impact of current Supreme Court decisions on the American society.

Zum Abitur-Schwerpunktthema “The Ambiguity of Belonging”:

(Ab Klasse 11)

***“Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter”*: A Journey through the South**

A quiet town in Mississippi becomes the site of a mysterious murder, with Larry Ott, the “gentle weirdo” as main suspect. Yet, *“Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter”* is more than a crime novel. The focus of the presentation will be on the entangled lives of the main protagonists, Larry and Silas. The novel serves as a starting point for a discussion on key issues such as alienation, racial tensions, coming of age, poverty, and kinship.

The Ambiguity of Belonging in Clint Eastwood’s *“Gran Torino”*

Detroit’s neighborhood of Highland Park is central to the story of aging war veteran Walt Kowalski and teenager Thao Vang. In Clint Eastwood’s movie *“Gran Torino,”* the sense of belonging through ethnicity, place, religion and language, is scrutinized. In this presentation, we will take a closer look at key issues such as ethnic differences and racism, family, immigration, and the American Dream.