

# Unser Themenangebot: Presentation Visits

## Ab Klasse 8



### Go West

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 a significant role in U.S. national identity



### Immigration in the United States: History

Our experts review three periods of U.S. immigration: the mid-1800s, the turn of the 20th century, and contemporary immigration. A closer look at the immigrant experience will bring up these key questions: How and why do people choose to leave their homes? Is the U.S. a “melting pot” where immigrants lose their cultural heritage? And how has the government responded to immigration?



### California - Life in the Golden State

California is a state of tremendous diversity and high ideals. Historically, California has been a destination for immigrants looking for the American Dream. Today the “Golden State” has the largest population and the best economy in the country. In contrast, California is also home to striking economic inequality, racial and ethnic tensions, and an overcrowded prison system.

## Ab Klasse 9



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

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.

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## Ab Klasse 10



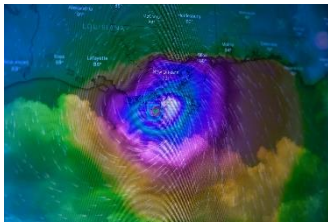
### How the U.S. Government Works

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



### The History of the Black Civil Rights Movement

It took almost 400 years from the arrival of enslaved Africans to the first Black U.S. president. Progress in America's race relations? Yes. The end of the road for Black civil rights? No. Race remains one of the most sensitive issues in the United States today. In this presentation, students will learn the history and legacy of the Black Civil Rights movement. You will also discuss the ongoing struggle for Black liberation and racial equality in the United States



### The Role of the U.S. in the Global Climate Crisis

The United States has a strong history of environmental protection and conservation. Why is the country hesitant to address issues caused by climate change? Our experts analyze the role of the U.S. and the effects of climate change and discuss current climate policies.



### Understanding U.S. Elections

Who is running for president? How does the electoral college work? Why are there only two major parties? In this presentation, experts will introduce the U.S. electoral system, examine presidential campaigns and discuss top policy issues through a transatlantic lens.



### Gun Violence in the U.S.

Columbine High, Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook Elementary, Parkland: Gun violence is a hot-button issue in the United States. Our experts, with support of staggering data, demystify an often-invoked image of American gun culture. You will learn more about current gun law legislation with voices from activist groups, congress members, and lobbyists.



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## Immigration in the United States: Current Issues

In this presentation, you will learn about 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?

## Ab Klasse 11



## Current Political Issues and the U.S. Government

In this presentation, our experts examine the latest controversially discussed issues relating to the three branches of the U.S. government. Depending on topicality, key issues might be health care, criminal justice, climate change, economic crises, or the impact of the latest Supreme Court decisions on American society.

## Zum Abitur-Schwerpunktthema "The Ambiguity of Belonging"



### "Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter:" A Journey through the South

Chabot, a quiet rural town in Mississippi becomes the site of a mysterious murder. The "gentle weirdo" Larry Ott is quickly determined to be the suspect, but did he commit the crime? "Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter" is more than just a crime novel. This presentation will focus on issues such as race and racism, identity, coming-of-age, poverty and family relations, and the ambiguity of belonging, especially concerning Larry and Silas, the two main characters.



### Building a Sense 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 issues such as ethnic differences and racism, family, immigration, and the American Dream.

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