**The U.S.A. – population**

308,000,000 inhabitants (+an estimated 11.2 million illegal immigrants)

3rd most populated nation in the world (after China and India)

About 82% of Americans live in urban areas, there are 52 metropolitan areas with population greater than 1 million

**A very diverse population:**

* **Native Americans** – came from Siberia long before the first Europeans, lived in tribes – hunting, fishing, gathering plants, deprived of their land by treaties, tricky purchases, military force, being killed or enslaved; having to move to other areas and convert to Christianity they lost their way of life; today about 2mil, ¼ of them live in reservations (Navajo in the Southeast), major source of income casinos and other form of gambling, which is strongly restricted outside Indian lands
* **White** – first the Dutch, Spanish, English – religious reason, leading and ruling „class“ were WASP – White Anglo-Saxon Protestants; 19th century – more economic reason , from Germany, Britain, Ireland, Austro-Hungarian Empire, Russia, Scandinavia, Jews from Germany and Eastern Europe
* **African Americans** – 1619-1808 5,000,000 Africans brought as slaves, now the second largest racial group in the US, went through the development from slavery, reconstruction, development of their community, segregation, the Civil Rights Movement (Martin Luther King) to Barack Obama as the first Afro-American president
* **Asian Americans** – most of them from China and the Philippines, the biggest Chinese community in San Francisco
* **Hispanic** – from Mexico and other parts of Latin America, the most rapidly growing ethnic group, South-West, Spanish language

**Attitudes towards immigration**

* Welcome in the time of economic prosperity
* Restrictions from the president and government (the planned wall along the Mexican borders, separating families…)
* Melting pot – immigrants should abandon their original culture and language and join a help to form the new culture
* Pluralism – variety of values, traditions and languages is good for America
* Multicultural society makes the US stronger

STEREOTYPES

FOOD, SPORT, CULTURE, PERSONALITIES, TRADITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS, HOUSING…..

MEASURES ( inches, yards, miles, pounds, gallons, Fahrenheit…)