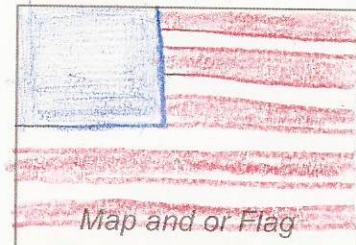




Place: United States of America

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Name: _____



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Country: USA

Region: North America

Official in Charge: Obama

Population: ~318 million

Languages: no official

Capital: Washington D.C.

History:

The first settlers came over on a land bridge over 15,000 years ago. Many natives inhabited the land for centuries. In the 15th century, European settlements started. The American Revolution freed them from colonial power. With greater expansion and change in ideology, the USA was in a Civil War and then followed by a period of Reconstruction. The USA went through Industrialization, WWI, the Great Depression, WWII, Cold War, civil rights, etc.

Geography:

The USA has over 3 million square miles. It is one of the largest countries based on total area. There are two main oceans bordering the country - Pacific + Atlantic. There are many mountain ranges, plains, and deserts that cover the country. Also, most climates are represented.

Government:

The United States is a constitutional republic with a representative democracy. There are three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. There are currently two main political parties: Republicans and Democrats.

Economy:

The United States has a capitalist economy that also mixes with the public and private sector. The USA has one of the highest GDPs in the world and is the largest importer of goods. They are also the second largest exporter of goods.

Culture:

Since the United States has many races, ethnicities, and other identities, there is no one culture because there are many traditions and values. Many immigrants are attracted to come to the USA to achieve the "American Dream." Currently, the demographics are changing just like their culture.

See Also:



Place: Soviet Union (USSR)

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History:

The Soviet Union existed between 1922 and 1991. The USSR was created after the Russian Revolution. The communist Party took control of the country. Under Joseph Stalin, they built a socialist economy. During WWII, they were under the Allied powers, but after the war they broken their alliance which help lead to the cold war. Nikita Khrushchev ruled from 1953-1964. He tried to bring reforms which failed. During the Gorbachev era, the country fell.

Geography:

By 1991, there was over 8 million square miles that made up the USSR. Also, there was just under 300 million people. The Soviet Union experienced warm + dry summer and extremely cold winters with excessive snowfall.

Government:

The USSR was a communist country. They followed Marxist and Leninist principles. The communist party dominated the political arena. The Supreme Soviet served as the highest state body. The KGB (secret police) was used to implement some of Stalin's tactics.

Economy:

Planned Economy - the government controlled the production and distribution of goods and services. They tried to promote self-sufficiency and 5-year plans.

Culture:

There were many ethnicities represented in the USSR. Many artists were exiled from the country. There was a focus on collectivist ideas and public life.

See Also:

Name: USSR



Map and/or Flag

Country: Soviet Union

Region: Europe

Official in Charge: Gorbachev

Population: (1991) 293 million

Languages: Russian

Capital: Moscow