


## – Why America is the greatest country in the world –

### 1. Warm up

- a. What do you know about the United States of America?
- b. How would you qualify the spirit of American people regarding their country?

### 2. True or false

Watch the video on this link:

 "America is not the greatest country in the world anymore" - The Newsroom 2012 - SU...

- a. The sophomore girl asked the people on stage “what makes America the greatest country in the world?”

☒ True

☐ False

- b. The main character said that what makes America the greatest country in the world is its food

☐ True

☒ False

- c. One of the character on stage completely agreed with the main character’s response

☐ True

☒ False

### 3. Check the right answers

- a. How did people react when one of the character on stage said “freedom and freedom”
  - ☒ ~~They cheered~~
  - ☐ They booed him
  - ☐ They left the place
  - ☐ They stormed the stage

- b. How did people react when the main character said that america was *not* the greatest country in the world
- ☐ They cheered
  - ☐ They agreed with him
  - ☒ ~~They were shocked~~
  - ☐ They fought with each other

#### 4. Answer the question

Cite 3 categories in which America is far from being the leader (according to the video)

~ 27th in Math, 23rd in Science, 7th Literacy, 170th Infant Mortality

Cite 2 of the 3 categories in which America is the leader (according to the video)

Number of people incarcerated per capita, Number of adults who believe angels are real, Military Budget expense

#### 5. Conversation

- a. At the end of the video, the main character calmed himself and looked a bit reassuring. Do you agree with the point he stated?

At the end of the video, he kind of glorifies the US. It feels as if he was a bit nostalgic. Yet, they were not always that peaceful, we could cite the different wars in the Middle east.

- b. Not so long ago, people believed in 'The American Dream'. Do you think it still exists? Why? Why not?

No, I don't think so, maybe in the culture, the idea is still, but in fact there is no longer an American Great.

Tout part de sa première politique migratoire, l'idée est que si tu vas aux Etats unis tu réussis.

*It all comes from the first migratory policy, the idea is that if you go to the US, you are successful*

Aujourd'hui ça reste une idée populaire, mais ce n'est plus réellement possible.

*Nowadays, it remains a popular idea, but it's not really possible anymore*

Le pays semble s'écrouler sur lui-même d'un point de vue économique.

*The country seems to collapse from an economical and political point of view*

Il faut aujourd'hui beaucoup d'investissement pour y accéder.

*You need to invest a lot to fulfill the dream*

Il a longtemps était un gros mythe, mais les gens se rendent compte que les riches

*A long time ago it was a myth, but people understood that the rich became more and more rich*

s'enrichissent et les pauvres s'appauvrissent.

*and the poor became more and more poor*

Ce qui a cassé le rêve Américain, pour moi, c'est la crise des Subprime de 2008.

To my mind, what broke the American Dream was the 2008 Subprime crisis

On pourrait parler aujourd'hui de 'Rêve Canadien'

*Today, we could talk about the Canadian Dream*