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A lot of tribes lived on the continent North America. In 1492 Christopher Columbus discovered America. In 1620 the first Englishmen came to America. Thirteen first English colonies formed the USA in 1776. So you can see thirteen red and white stripes on the flag of the country. Now there are fifty states in the USA and there are fifty stars on the flag of the USA. The eagle is the official national symbol of the country. The USA has an official song too. One of the most famous symbols of the USA is the Statue of Liberty in New York.

The people of the US are in fact people from many different countries. Their parents or grandparents came from Europe, Africa, South America and Asia. These different people brought their traditions and customs to the new land. The Scots brought Halloween and the Germans brought the Christmas tree. There are new American traditions too. Only Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

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The history of this land is long. A lot of tribes lived on the continent North America. In 1492 Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain to India. But he discovered America. Thinking that he was in India, Columbus called the people he met Indians. In 1620 the first Englishmen came to America. There were thirteen first English colonies and they formed the USA in 1776. You can see thirteen red and white stripes on the flag of the country for the first thirteen colonies. Now there are fifty states in the USA and there are fifty stars on the flag of the country. The eagle is the official national symbol of the country. It has an olive branch (a symbol of peace) and arrows (symbols of strength). The USA has an official song too. One of the most famous symbols of the USA is the Statue of Liberty in New York.

The United States is a young country. After Christopher Columbus millions of people came to this country to find the new life. Now only 1% (per sent) of Americans are native Americans. The people of the US are in fact people from many different countries. Their parents or grandparents came from Europe, Africa, South America and Asia. These different people brought their traditions and customs to the new land. The Scots brought

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