

# The USA: Country and People



# Introduction

- USA located in the northern part of America continent
- It has 50 states and 1 district: District Columbia, that is shown as stars in their flag
- The country bordered with Mexico on the South, and Canada on the north
- Capital: Washington
- President: Barack Obama
- Area: 9,826,675 km<sup>2</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> largest country in the world after Russia and Canada)
- Population: 314,555,000 (3<sup>rd</sup> most populated country in the world after China and India)
- Currency: US Dollar (\$1 = Rp. 9500)
- Independence Day: 4<sup>th</sup> July 1776
- USA is a free country. Every religion is accepted, and people are freely choose to have religion or not



**THE USA IS A FEDERATION OF 50 STATES. TWO OF THE STATES, ALASKA AND HAWAII, ARE NOT CONNECTED WITH THE OTHER STATES.**





The USA is a country of natural wonders. The country has almost every kind of weather.



Icy Lake,  
State Washington



Rocky Mountains



Forest Mountains in  
State Idaho



The coast of the  
Pacific ocean.



Alaska



Hawaii





There are a lot of national parks, forests and wildlands where you can enjoy the beauty and power of wild America. **The Grand Canyon**



# The people

- Citizen of USA is called Americans
- USA is a very diverse country. It is home of people with different ethnics and national origins. Many people in the 19<sup>th</sup> century migrated and settled down in America
- There many race found in USA:
  - White is the majority, of about 70% of the population
  - Hispanic (Latino) is about 15%. They are originated from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, ...
  - African American is about 12%
  - Asian is about 3%. They are originated from China, Filipina, India, Vietnam, Korea, Japan, ....
- American believes in equality and justice for all. All citizens of America deserve to have the same rights





Americans comes from many nations

## Region and State

- In USA, there are 6 regions: New England, Mid Atlantic, The South, The Midwest, The Southwest and The West.
- In each regions, there are many states. 6 states in New England, 6 states in Mid Atlantic (The city), 12 states in The South, 12 states in The Midwest (farm and agriculture), 4 states in The Southwest (great landscape with prairie and desert), 11 states in The West (home of the cowboy)



# The cities

- Big city or often called metropolitan, are where most of people in USA live
- The most populated state in USA is California, with over 37 million people (12% of total population) followed by Texas, and New York
- Many people like to live in the city, because there are many jobs, and places to go like malls, playgrounds, and swimming pools
- But the city also can be very crowded and unpleasant to live in

# The country sides

- Some people prefers to live in the country side where life is slower, and easier
- People work mostly on the farm, and sell local goods to the shops
- The country side are greener, cleaner, and house are far apart. It is not crowded like the city
- The countryside is mostly quite, peaceful, and not busy like the city





Farm in countryside, America



Farm in Texas



# School life in USA

- Almost every kids in the USA go to school. The government school is free for all. Some goes to the private school
- Kids go to school every Monday to Friday from 8 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon
- Most kids go to after class activity such as sports, student newspapers, drama clubs, debate teams, choral groups and bands
- Kids are actively involved in many social activities, such as taking care of the elderly, the handicapped and hospital patients, and help clean up the environment.
- Kids are asked to join Boy Scout to learn about new things that are useful for their life



A boy scout member receives badge for helping Japan during disaster



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# Do you know?

- America is very advance in the past hundreds years. It is the world leader in economy, politics, military, and technology
- America has the largest coal reserves in the world
- Jazz music comes f rom America, but it is influenced strongly by African music
- Statue of Liberty is given by France government for USA in 28 October 1886
- USA is the leading industrial power in the world, highly diversified and technologically advanced; petroleum, steel, motor vehicles, aerospace, telecommunications, chemicals, electronics, food processing, consumer goods, lumber, mining
- The sport Football in USA is actually rugby