

Once Upon a Time in America

A Play a guessing game.

A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4
A	B	C	D

Key topic: _____

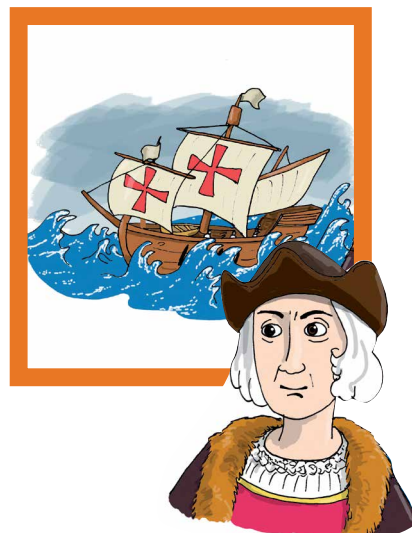
B Use the words from the guessing game to talk about the key topic.

C **What if...?** Look at the table with the information about what America gave Europe and what Europe gave America after the year 1492. Imagine what our lives would be like if America hadn't been discovered. Discuss in pairs and report to class. Start like this:

If America hadn't been discovered, there would be no...

If America hadn't been discovered, we wouldn't...

from America to Europe	from Europe to America
chocolate	apples
corn	walnuts
chewing gum	lettuce
potatos	wheat
beans	lemons
sunflower	oranges
tomatos	rice
pumpkins	ducks
pineapples	
vanilla	



The USA Quiz



A How much do you know about the USA? Do the quiz. Circle **a**, **b** or **c**.

- 1 The biggest US state is:
a Texas. **b** California. **c** Alaska.
- 2 The smallest US state is:
a Vermont. **b** Rhode Island. **c** Delaware.
- 3 Denali, the highest US mountain, is in:
a Utah. **b** Nevada. **c** Alaska.
- 4 The most populous US state is:
a Texas. **b** New York. **c** California.
- 5 The Missouri is the longest US:
a snake. **b** river. **c** mountain range.
- 6 The Rocky Mountains are:
a in the west. **b** in the east. **c** in the south.
- 7 The US national bird symbol is:
a a falcon. **b** an eagle. **c** an owl.
- 8 Thomas Jefferson was:
a the first US president. **b** the second US president. **c** the third US president.
- 9 Which of these cities is the smallest?
a Washington, D.C. **b** New York. **c** Los Angeles.
- 10 Croatia is almost the same size in land as:
a Vermont. **b** West Virginia. **c** Maine.
- 11 Which university is not 'The Ivy League'?
a Harvard. **b** Cornell. **c** Stanford.
- 12 MIT is a famous university in:
a Montana. **b** Michigan. **c** Massachusetts.
- 13 Mount Rushmore is in:
a South Dakota. **b** North Dakota. **c** Nevada.
- 14 The State of Virginia was named after Queen:
a Elizabeth I. **b** Victoria. **c** Ann.

The USA Quiz



B Are the following US facts **true (T)** or **false (F)**? Correct the false ones.

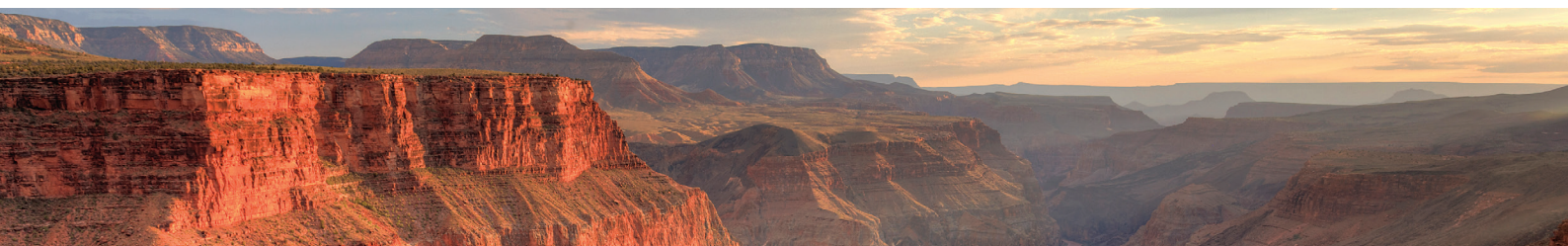
- 1 Yellowstone National Park spreads through four US states.
- 2 The capital city of California is Los Angeles.
- 3 Princeton University is on the West Coast.
- 4 'E pluribus unum' or 'Out of many, one' is a US national motto.
- 5 The Mississippi River is also known as Old Man River.
- 6 The US flag is also known as the Star-Spangled Flag.

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C Find some pictures on the Internet and create a US picture gallery. Include the pictures of well-known cities and other places, natural sights, buildings etc.

D **Homework** Complete the table with the facts from the webpage www.50states.com. Add one more state of your choice.

STATE	CAPITAL	NICKNAME	SYMBOLS
Ohio			
Florida			
Texas			
Alaska			
California			



TEACHER'S WORKSHEET

Worksheets	Thanksgiving (Once Upon a Time in America) The USA Quiz
Year	7/8
Topic	Thanksgiving, the USA – basic facts
Key language	Thanksgiving, USA facts, state, capital, nickname, symbol, <i>would/wouldn't</i>
Aims	Playing a guessing game about Thanksgiving and talking about it Doing a US facts quiz (expanding cross-cultural knowledge) Doing an online research on six US states
Correlation	History and geography
Duration	45 minutes
Procedure	<p>Activity 1: Ss play a guessing game about Thanksgiving, the US national holiday celebrated annually on the last Thursday in November. Ss open the fields A1-D4 and guess the key answers for each column as well as the overall topic. When the game is over, the T talks about the holiday by explaining the words from the grid and asking Ss what they know about that day.</p> <p>Activity 2: Ss study the table showing what America gave Europe and vice versa after 1492. They discuss it using <i>would</i> and <i>wouldn't</i>.</p> <p>Activity 3: Working in pairs or small groups, Ss do the USA Quiz and the accompanying exercise (Task B) and then check their answers with the T. As a follow-up activity, Ss can do Task C.</p>
Homework	Task D: Ss go online to find the capitals, nicknames and symbols of six US states.
References	www.50states.com

Answer key

Thanksgiving (Once Upon a Time in America)

Task A:

A roast, poultry, country, farm	TURKEY
B siblings, spouses, reunion, in-laws	FAMILY
C Apache, chief, wigwam, Native	INDIANS
D apple, cranberry, cheese, pumpkin	PIE
Key topic:	THANKSGIVING

Task C (sample answers): *We wouldn't eat popcorn at the cinema.
There would be no vanilla ice cream. etc.*

The USA Quiz

Task A: **1 c; 2 b; 3 c; 4 c; 5 b; 6 a; 7 b; 8 c; 9 a; 10 b; 11 c; 12 c; 13 a; 14 a**

Task B: **1 F** (It spreads through 3 states: Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.); **2 F** (It is Sacramento.); **3 F** (It is on the East Coast.); **4 F** (It is a phrase on the Seal of the United States. It was considered a US motto until the phrase "In God we trust" was adopted as the official motto in the mid-20th century.); **5 T; 6 F** (It's not "Flag" but "Banner" – the Star-Spangled Banner.)

Extra facts: **Ivy League Universities** are eight private east-coast colleges famous for their tradition: Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Columbia, Brown, Dartmouth and Cornell. Harvard is the oldest US university, founded in 1636.

Yellowstone National Park is the oldest national park in the world.

The four presidents carved on **Mount Rushmore** are George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

Task D:

STATE	CAPITAL	NICKNAME	SYMBOLS
Ohio	Columbus	The Buckeye State	buckeye, cardinal
Florida	Tallahassee	The Sunshine State	mockingbird, palm
Texas	Austin	The Lone Star State	pecan, mockingbird
Alaska	Juneau	The Last Frontier	spruce, forget-me-not
California	Sacramento	The Golden State	Golden poppy, sequoia
<i>A state of student's choice</i>			