



What does the Contemporary World bring to

the English Speciality ?

What our speciality really is about :

- More opportunities to speak the langage you are learning

Learning about current events of the
English-speaking countries while studying English
Learning also about some political aspects of these countries, often linked to journalism

- Reading a lot of English articles, opinion-based or not, and studying its miscellaneous aspects

- Improving your vocabulary through a lot of exchanges between the different groups of students (we creat our groups of 3 or 4 students for the whole year, and speak with the other groups too).



What our speciality is not about:

- Learning by heart some English vocabulary and never use it due to the lack of opportunities

- Studying English literature

- Learning only about the United Kingdom and not about other English-speaking countries

- Working alone in a corner without speaking to anyone

- Creating groups based on alphabetic order (you have the possibility the first day to choose your classmates

you will work with for the entire year)

- French hours !



Political Parties and Representation in the US

°A two-party system (the Democratic and Republican parties) in the US and their ideologies

°Candidates running for the presidential elections + the different people who can represent the inhabitants (such as governors, senators and

congressmen/congressw Voter Suppression

Our tasks

*Making projects which have to be done in group (generally 3 or 4 (a group for the whole year), these interesting projects are a very cool way to learn English vocabulary)

 Making pretty posters for the final task
 Watching some videos in order to study English through current events
 Learning to write a dossier summary, learning some methodologies
 Expressing your opinion since you have here a lot of opportunities to speak in English, always about current subjects

What is our work about for this speciality?

News °Black lives matter °USA Presidential campaign °Attacks on Free Speech in France °Fake news (disinformation, misinformation, confirmation bias)



Journalism, Breaking the News

and Getting Information

°Create our own point of view on journalism, express our own opinion °Free speech, the Fourth Estate and Constitution in the US

°Breaking the news °The different types of journalism (investigative, watch dog, online, broadcast, opinion, sports, entertainment...)

Representation of America

° The main topic was why America has always been great for the ones who are living there

 Making artsy word clouds about what the USA is according to each of us
 Reading some articles which explain what the opinion of Americans about their country is
 Making in group a poster : « How Americans see America »

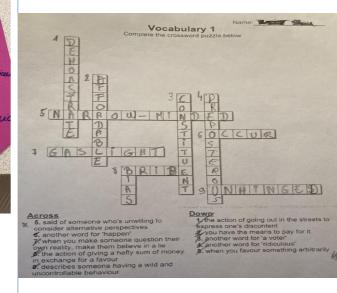
vou are still hesitating towards this speciality, check out the kind of works that we can make here!

The handmade poster which Clara and Héloïse created for the topic « How Americans see America » according to our work :

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The kind of English vocabulary that you can learn here!

(Examples : to demonstrate, to occur, a grin, preposterous, horrendous, unhinged, to bribe someone, to gaslight someone...)



Here are some articles we have studied so far !

Most Americans say the U.S. is among the greatest countries in the world

see the U.S. as one of the world's greatest nations - and there is a particularly wide age gap in perceptions of the U.S. as

Republicans are more likely than Democrats to say the U.S. **

to the survey, conducted June 8-18. About four-in-ten Republicans and Repul

While the view that there are countries better than the U.S. is uncommon in either leaners remain more likely than Republicans and leaners to say this (20% vs. 7%). These

5 As has been the case in past Pew Research Center surveys, older Americans

Adults 65 and older are the most likely to say the U.S. stands above all oth those younger than 30 say the same, the lowest share in any age category

Among those with postgraduate degrees, 20% say the U.S. stands above all

U.S. stands above other countries, compared with 19% of Democra the partisan gap on this question in the fall of 2015

unchanged from 2015 (18% vs. 10%, respectively).

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5 Reasons To Work In The USA

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5 Reasons Why America Is A Great Place To Work:

The People

- America is made up of people and futures from all over the world/ferhaps the most minit-cultural dountry on the planet, America as we know it was driven forward by the hard work of people travelling to a new country, to make a more start for themselves.
- tart for themselves. eople of America today are often inviting, friendly, and want to welcome new people to their country. Mar

CV and Professional Opportunities

- The fact that you will have worked abroad is a good thing for your future job interviews, inter you more valuable than other potential candidates. It not only shows that you gained independence but also that you epped out of your comfort zone. Having an international role on your CV will highlight this, and will single you ou
- other candidates as one to watch In terms of jobs in America, almost all of the biggest companies in the world have offices in the USA. You will have career opportunities in America you could not get anywhere else in the world. Just one interrship for a big name could change your career

America is famous for having food from all over the world to try. In each different st different kinds of food, from pulled pork in North Carolina to bagels in New Some of the major cities in America are hubs of exotic and exciting foods ooks from around the world

Culture

American culture has become one of the dominating forces on the planet. While you live and work in the USA, you can experience things you'd never find anywhere else in the world. Outside of your job, the culture really is one of the be hings about living and working in America.

Travel Without Leaving The Country

American has some of the most drastically differing the beach, go mountain climbing, explore a forest, or go star gazing in the desert, you'll find what you Every state is different and you can visit them by taking the plane, train, or even a road trip. the new York city, where will you go





A bias Left-leaning / Right-leaning An agenda (= a plan) To advocate for To afford To grant It is of paramount importance to... Hefty Did you understand all of these words ? Great, they were the easiest ones ! Lengthy Sole 60 A swing state The bane

Here is a more challenging one !! I hope you will be more convinced by our speciality after this test !



Preposterous (= ridiculous)

Dreadful

Unhinged To misconstrue

To demean

A slur

To be jaded To take a jab at A loophole

Fearmongering

To prevail To depict To bolster To polarise Overwhelming

Genuine

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