

Do You Speak English?

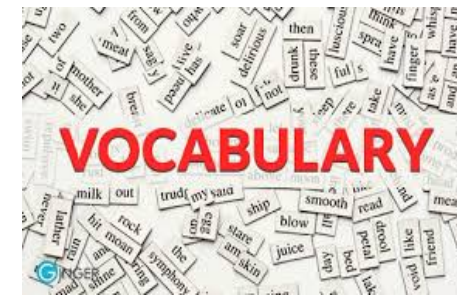
come on !!



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# The Contemporary World



*What does the Contemporary World bring to the English Speciality ?*



*What our speciality really is about :*

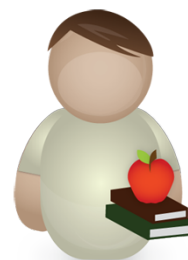


- More opportunities to speak the language you are learning
- Learning about current events of the English-speaking countries while studying English
- Learning also about some political aspects of these countries, often linked to journalism
- Reading a lot of English articles, opinion-based or not, and studying its miscellaneous aspects
- Improving your vocabulary through a lot of exchanges between the different groups of students (we create 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/congresswomen)
- °Voter Suppression

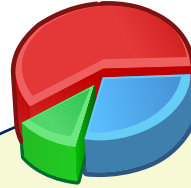


## Our tasks

- °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, watchdog, online, broadcast, opinion, sports, entertainment...)

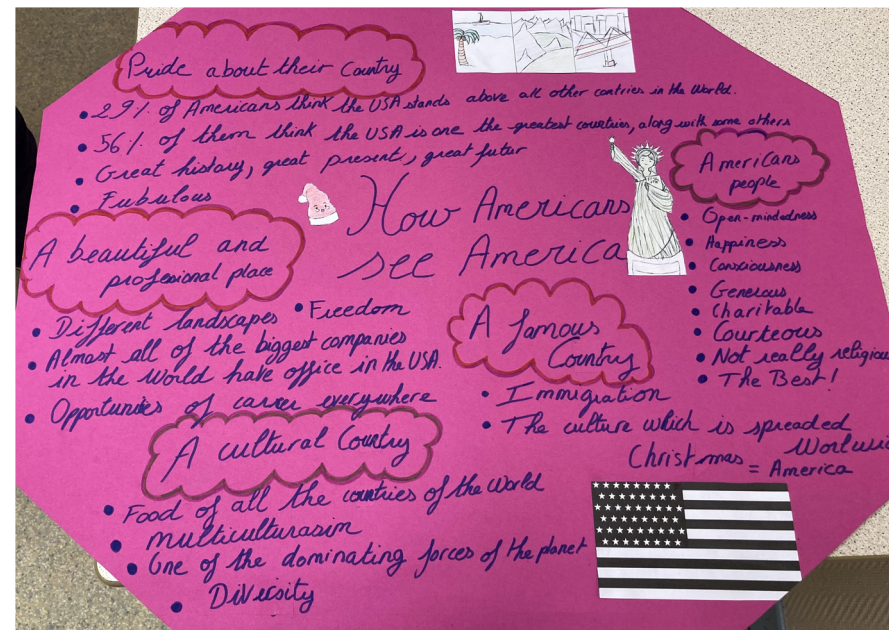
## Representation of America

- ° 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 »

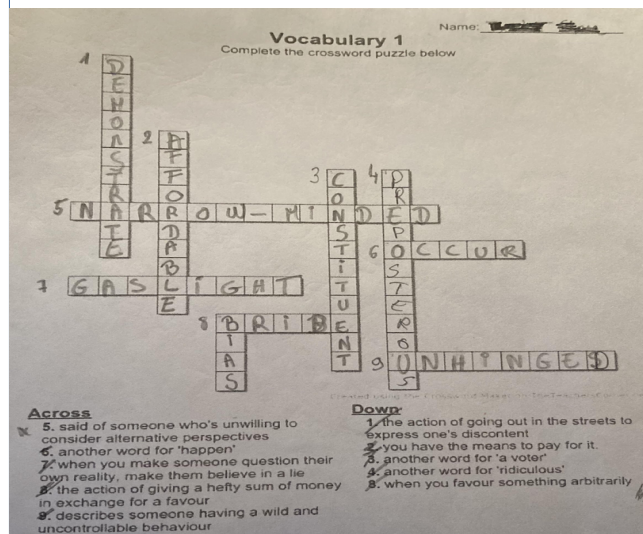


If you are still hesitating towards this speciality, check out the kind of works that we can make here !

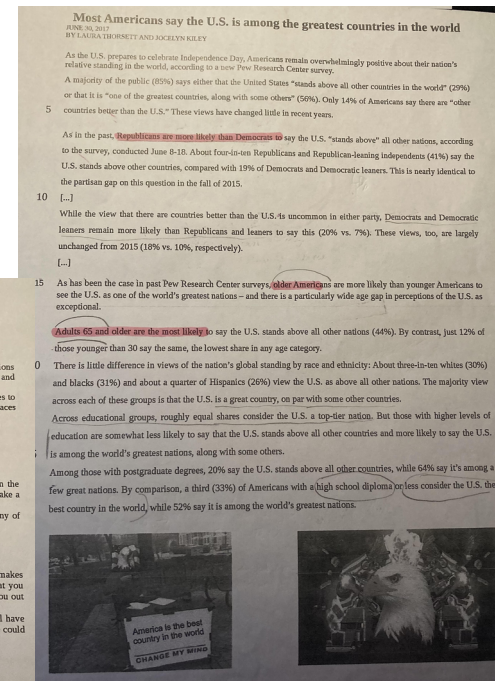
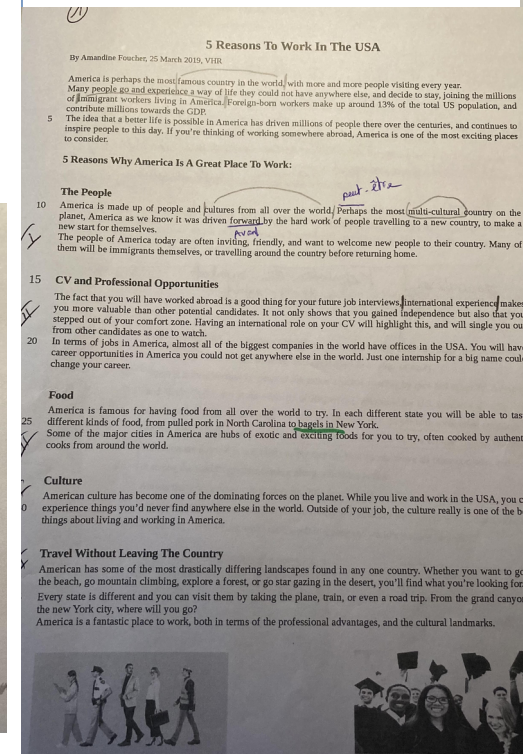
The handmade poster which Clara and Héloïse created for the topic « How Americans see America » according to our work :



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 !





# Do you know all the vocabulary that we can learn through this speciality ? Test yourself with the words just below !

A bias

Left-leaning / Right-leaning

An agenda (= a plan)

To advocate for

To afford

To grant

It is of paramount importance  
to...

Hefty

Lengthy

Sole

A swing state

The bane

Did you understand all of these words ?  
Great, they were the easiest ones !



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

Genuine

To prevail

To depict

To bolster

To polarise

Overwhelming

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