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## Station Pass “USA – Political System, Home Affairs, Foreign Policy”

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Station	Priority	Name of station	Finished	Any questions?
1	obligatory	Facts About The World Power USA		
2	obligatory	Vocabulary		
3	obligatory	Political System Today		
4	obligatory	Domestic Policy		
5	free-choice	Domestic Policy II – Health Care		
6	obligatory	Foreign Policy		
7	obligatory	Presidential Elections in the USA		
8	free-choice	Political Parties		
9	free-choice	Presidents of the USA		
10	obligatory	The Impact of U.S. Inner-Conflicts on Politics		

*Be different!*

# Reflective Learning Diary

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### Ask yourself:

- What did I do?
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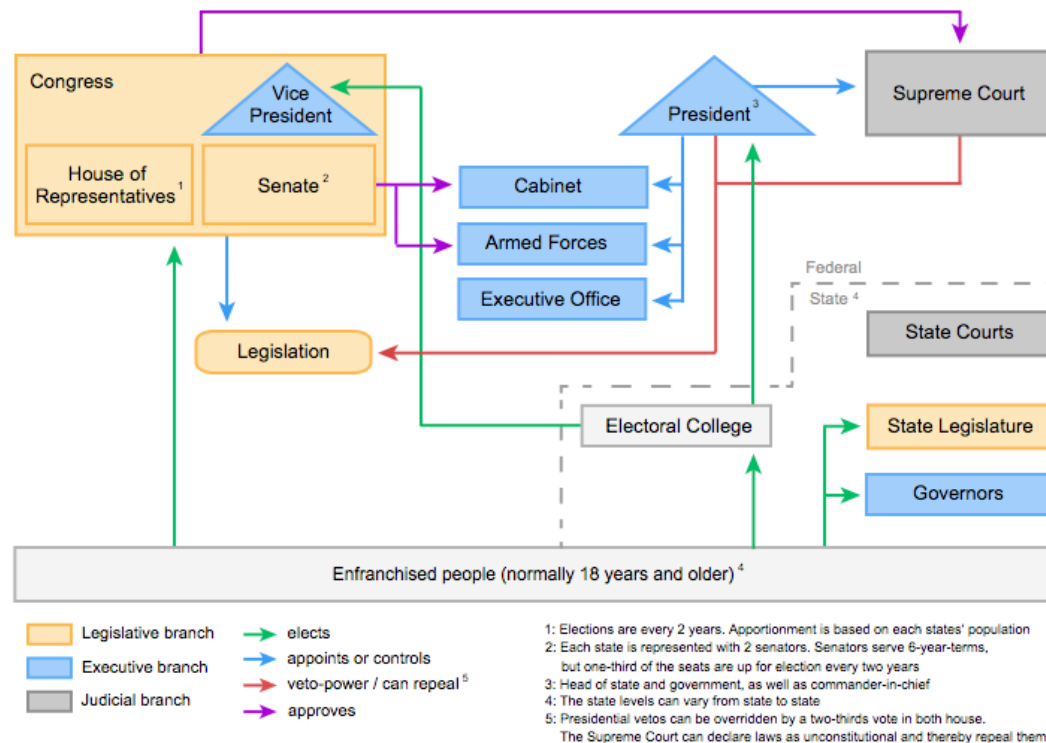
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## Station 3: Political system today

### US POLITICS – IN BRIEF

The United States of America was a British colony. This means that it was ruled by Britain. Even though there was a colonial government in America, it was ultimately subject to British rule. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, communication between Britain and its colony was extremely slow. Also, the taxes that the American people had to pay did not stay in the country, they went to consolidate the British household. This changed in 1776, when the British colonies declared independence from Britain. At first, only a couple of American states joined the union, but in 1787 the states that had separated themselves from Britain formed the United States of America and produced a constitution.

Today, the US consists of 54 individual states. Like Germany, it is a federal republic. This means that every state has a government, but that there is also a central government with representatives from every state. Unlike in Germany, politics are dominated by only two major parties in the United States: the Democrats and the Republicans. The president, whose main function is to enforce the law, always comes from the party who wins the election. Elections for presidency are held every four years. The latest elections were held in 2016, in which Donald Trump was elected as the new U.S. president.<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_the_United_States)

## Station 9: Presidents of the USA

### FORMER PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Mount Rushmore National Memorial, South Dakota  
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#### 1st. George Washington (1789-1797)

As the first president of the U.S.A., Washington is still seen as the *"father of his country"*. He took part in creating the United States Constitution. Before his presidency, he was commander-in-chief of the Continental Army and led his country to independence from Great Britain in 1783.

#### 2nd. John Adams (1797-1801)

John Adams followed Washington's lead: he continued to strengthen the central government and stood for Republican values. His term was marked by the struggle to stay out of the ongoing war between Britain and France.

#### 3rd. Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809)

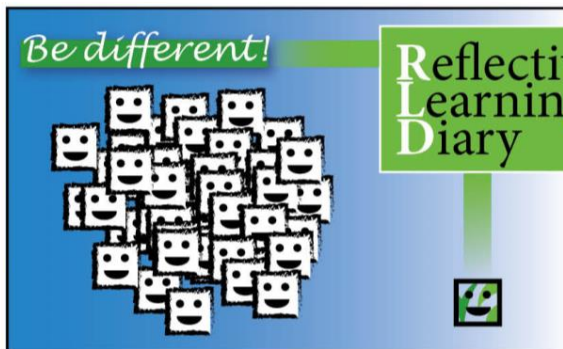
The 3<sup>rd</sup> president of the United States was the principal author of the *Declaration of Independence* (1776). During his presidency, the United States tried to remain neutral in the *Napoleonic wars*.

#### 16th. Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865)

Shortly after Abraham Lincoln was elected president, some Southern States left the Union. Lincoln led the Northern States in the following civil war between the Union (North) and the Confederates (South) and eventually achieved the abolition of slavery. Lincoln is regarded as one of the most important presidents. He was assassinated in 1865.

#### 26th. Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909)

After President McKinley's assassination, Roosevelt became the next president. He was called "Teddy", because he once refused to shoot a bear on a hunting trip. He enforced the completion of the *Panama Canal* and received the *Nobel Peace Prize* for his negotiations that ended the Russo-Japanese War. Roosevelt is seen as one of the greatest U.S. presidents.



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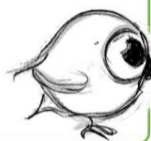
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