

Definition Essay: America

Read the following quotations:

“I was born an American; I will live an American; I shall die an American.”
Daniel Webster (American Diplomat and Politician, 1782-1852)

“America lives in the heart of every man every where who wishes to find a region
 where he will be free to work out his destiny as he chooses.”
Woodrow Wilson (Politician and 28th United States President, 1856-1924)

“Too many of us look upon Americans as dollar chasers. This is a cruel libel, even
 if it is reiterated thoughtlessly by the Americans themselves.”
Albert Einstein (Swiss Scientist and Nobel Prize Winner, 1879-1955)

“There is nothing wrong with American that cannot be cured by what is right with
 America.”
William J. Clinton (Politician and 42nd United States President, 1946-present)

Write an essay in which you define the word America.

Basic Requirements:

- Introduction paragraph with thesis statement (HINT: This thesis statement will propose your definition of the word America.)
- 2-3 body paragraphs that correlate with your thesis statement and support your definition
- A concluding paragraph that reminds me of your key points and effectively argues your definition

As you write your essay, you must:

- Focus on defining the concept of America.
- Effectively organize your ideas using the provided graphic organizer. (A five-paragraph essay is not necessary; however, you do need a definite introduction, body and conclusion.)
- Include supporting evidence from our studies of Colonial America and the American Revolution. (This requirement is mandatory and must be fulfilled to earn an A.)
- Include ideas from any of the following sources:
 - The dictionary and or personal definition
 - Synonyms and antonyms (compare/contrast)
 - An anecdote
 - Any ideas stimulated by the above quotations
 - Other historical evidence
 - Evidence from relevant literary works
- Include ample and appropriate details.
- Edit your essay for standard grammar and language usage.
- Proofread!