










| Title | Text type | Source | |
|---|------------------------------|--|----|
| Topic 1 Images and dreams | | | |
| [©] America the beautiful | Song | Words: Kathy Lee Bates; Music: Samuel A. Ward | 4 |
| Citizens' dreams | Statements | | 5 |
| [📄] Brand-aid | Internet article | Jeff Yang, Salon website | 6 |
| [📄] Barack Obama: America, yes we can! | Speech excerpt | Barack Obama | 8 |
| Dear Mr. President | Song | Words and music: Pink/B. Mann | 10 |
| [©] next to of course god america i | poem | E. E. Cummings | 11 |
| America | Song | Samuel Francis Smith | 11 |
| The Star-Spangled Banner | US national anthem | Francis Scott Key | 11 |
| The American dream | Internet article | Greil Marcus, Salon website | 12 |
| [📄] The Little Sister | Novel excerpt | From: Raymond Chandler, <i>The Little Sister</i> | 14 |
| Topic 2 Current problems and challenges | | | |
| Current problems and challenges | Introduction | | 16 |
| [📄] Green America | Internet article, statistics | Patricia Pearson, <i>CBC</i> | 18 |
| Are the anarchists right? | Internet article | Erica C. Barnett, <i>The Strange website</i> | 20 |
| Churches preaching green | Newspaper article | Sonja Haller, <i>The Arizona Republic</i> | 21 |
| America – the land of religion? | Blog comments | | 22 |
| Where dinosaurs meet Methuselah | Newspaper article | Paul Harris, <i>The Observer</i> | 23 |
| [📄] The future of religion in America | Statistics | | 24 |
| [©] The big question: Can America ever be weaned off its love affair with guns? | Newspaper article | Andrew Gumbel, <i>The Independent</i> | 25 |
| Executions: valuable deterrent or human rights abuse? | Informative text, statistics | US Department of State | 27 |
| [📄] Capital punishment: Pros and cons | Mission statements | Pro-Death Penalty website; National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty website | 28 |
| [📄] The Civil War: a first step towards civil rights? | Informative text | | 29 |
| Spot on facts | Timeline | | 31 |
| [📄] 40 years after King's death, Jackson hails first steps into promised land | Newspaper article | Ed Pilkington, <i>The Guardian</i> | 32 |

| Title | Text type | Source | |
|--|---|---|----|
| Topic 3 Immigration and mobility | | | |
| Immigration and mobility | Introduction | | 34 |
|  An immigrant's long journey | Interview | Armando Perez and Uli Nürnberger | 35 |
|   | | | |
| Virtual fence on Mexican border deemed insufficient | Newspaper article | Arthur H. Rotstein, AP News | 37 |
| Die Verteidigten Staaten | Newspaper article | Jörg Häntzschel, <i>Süddeutsche Zeitung</i> | 38 |
| Spot on facts | Fact file on the US Constitution | | 39 |
|  Cultural Los Angeles | Internet travel guide | USC student guide book | 40 |
| UCLA Pow Wow offers glimpse of native culture | Student newspaper article | Theresa Avila, <i>Daily Bruin</i> | 41 |
|  Generation Q | Newspaper column | Thomas L. Friedman, <i>The New York Times</i> | 42 |
| Topic 4 Big cities and open spaces | | | |
| Big cities and open spaces | Introduction | | 44 |
| America's underrated cities | Informative text | Jim Palik | 46 |
| Spot on facts | Fact file on the regions of the US | | 47 |
|  Is America's suburban dream collapsing into a nightmare? | Internet article | Lara Farrar, CNN website | 48 |
|  Did he say Alaska? | Novel excerpt | From: T.C. Boyle, <i>Drop City</i> | 50 |
|  Into the wild | Travel narrative | From: Jon Krakauer, <i>Into the Wild</i> | 52 |
| Projects | | | |
| Project 1: | A blog about the US | | 54 |
| Project 2: | Debating American issues | | 56 |
|  Project 3: | Analyzing advertisements | | 58 |
| Worksheets | | | |
| Vocabulary work: | Text-based vocabulary files and thematic vocabulary files | | 60 |
| Revision file 1: | Images and dreams (Topic 1) | | 62 |
| Revision file 2: | Current problems and challenges (Topic 2) | | 62 |
| Revision file 3: | Immigration and mobility (Topic 3) | | 63 |
| Revision file 4: | Big cities and open spaces (Topic 4) | | 63 |