

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, Leislina will have a better understanding of American history and culture, including key events, important figures, and the diverse aspects that shape the United States today. This knowledge will help foster a sense of connection to the country she is interested in living in.

## Materials and Prep

- Paper and colored pencils or markers
- A notebook for notes and reflections
- Access to a computer or tablet for research (optional)
- Printouts of famous American landmarks and symbols (optional)
- A map of the United States (can be drawn on paper)

Before the lesson, it's helpful to have a basic understanding of the major events and figures in American history, as well as an overview of the country's geography and cultural diversity.

## Activities

- **Timeline Creation:** Leislina will create a timeline of significant events in American history. She can choose 5-10 events that she finds interesting and illustrate them on a long piece of paper.
- **Landmark Exploration:** Using the map of the United States, Leislina will select 3 landmarks she would like to visit. She will research each landmark and write a short paragraph about its history and significance.
- **Culture Collage:** Leislina will create a collage that represents the diverse cultures in America. She can draw or cut out pictures from magazines that symbolize different cultures, traditions, and foods.
- **Interview a Family Member:** Leislina can interview a family member about their experiences or views on living in America. She can prepare a few questions and write down their responses.

## Talking Points

- "America is known as a melting pot because it is home to people from many different cultures and backgrounds. Can you think of some cultures that are represented in America?"
- "Key events in American history, like the Declaration of Independence and the Civil Rights Movement, have shaped the country we see today. Which event do you find most interesting?"
- "Famous landmarks, such as the Statue of Liberty and the Grand Canyon, tell stories about America's history and natural beauty. Which landmark would you like to visit and why?"
- "Understanding the geography of the United States helps us appreciate its diversity. What regions of America are you most curious about?"
- "Talking to someone about their experiences can provide a personal perspective on living in America. What questions would you like to ask?"