

**What America Means to Me**

*Directions:* Using presentation software, prepare a slide show presentation that communicates to your audience the most important facts or beliefs you hold about the United States of America. Style your presentation as if it were a short infomercial with a brief testimonial. The testimonial should present your core beliefs about our country, such as liberty, freedom, and so forth. You may use the space below to plan your presentation.

1. Determine three goals for your project and submit them to your teacher for review prior to beginning your project. Your goals are what you want your audience to get from your presentation, such as information or entertainment.
2. Select your pictures for scanning as early as possible, as limited scanning time may be available.
3. With your teacher's supervision, select images and quotations from CD-ROMs, the Internet, or other online services that are appropriate for your project.
4. Design your presentation. Your final slide show must include:
  - ◆ A title slide with a graphic and perspectives for the title designed to identify what America means to you.
  - ◆ Twelve to fourteen additional slides that include the appropriate graphics for your project. Include at least three different visuals. These may come from clip art, digital photographs, original drawings, or imported images.
  - ◆ Animation and transformation effects where applicable.
  - ◆ A template for the slide presentation that allows you to apply text animation or slide transition effects wherever appropriate.
  - ◆ A second-to-last slide showing the specific goals you have developed for the project.
  - ◆ A credit slide listing all photo, graphic, and text credits. Be sure to list Web addresses and all other sources of information or graphics included in your slide show.
5. Once you have prepared your slide show, you will present it to the rest of the class.

**Project Notes**

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