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**THE UNITED
STATES
OF
AMERICA**

What parts does it consist of ?



Constituent Parts

- Forty-eight contiguous states
- A federal district Washington D.C.
- Alaska
- Hawaii
- Several territories with differing degrees of autonomy

Where is it located?



Location

- Mostly in central North America
- Lies between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans
- Bordered by Canada to the north and Mexico to the south
- Alaska is situated in the northwest portion of the continent, with Canada to its east and Russia to its west across the Bering Strait
- Hawaii is an archipelago in the mid-Pacific
- The territories are in the Pacific and Caribbean

Geography

- The world's third largest country behind Russia and China, just ahead of Canada (measured by only land area)
- Occupies an area of almost 10 million square km

Geography



Geography

Surface

- **Mountains:** mountain ranges
 - The Appalachians
 - The Rocky Mountains
 - The Sierra Nevada
 - The highest peak – Mount McKinley
(Alaska, over 6,000 meters above sea level)

Geography

Surface

- **Flatlands**
 - The Great Plains (fertile – corn, soy)
- **Lowlands**
 - The Mississippi River Basin
- **Deserts**
 - The Great Basin (rocky)
 - Chihuahua
 - Mojave

Geography

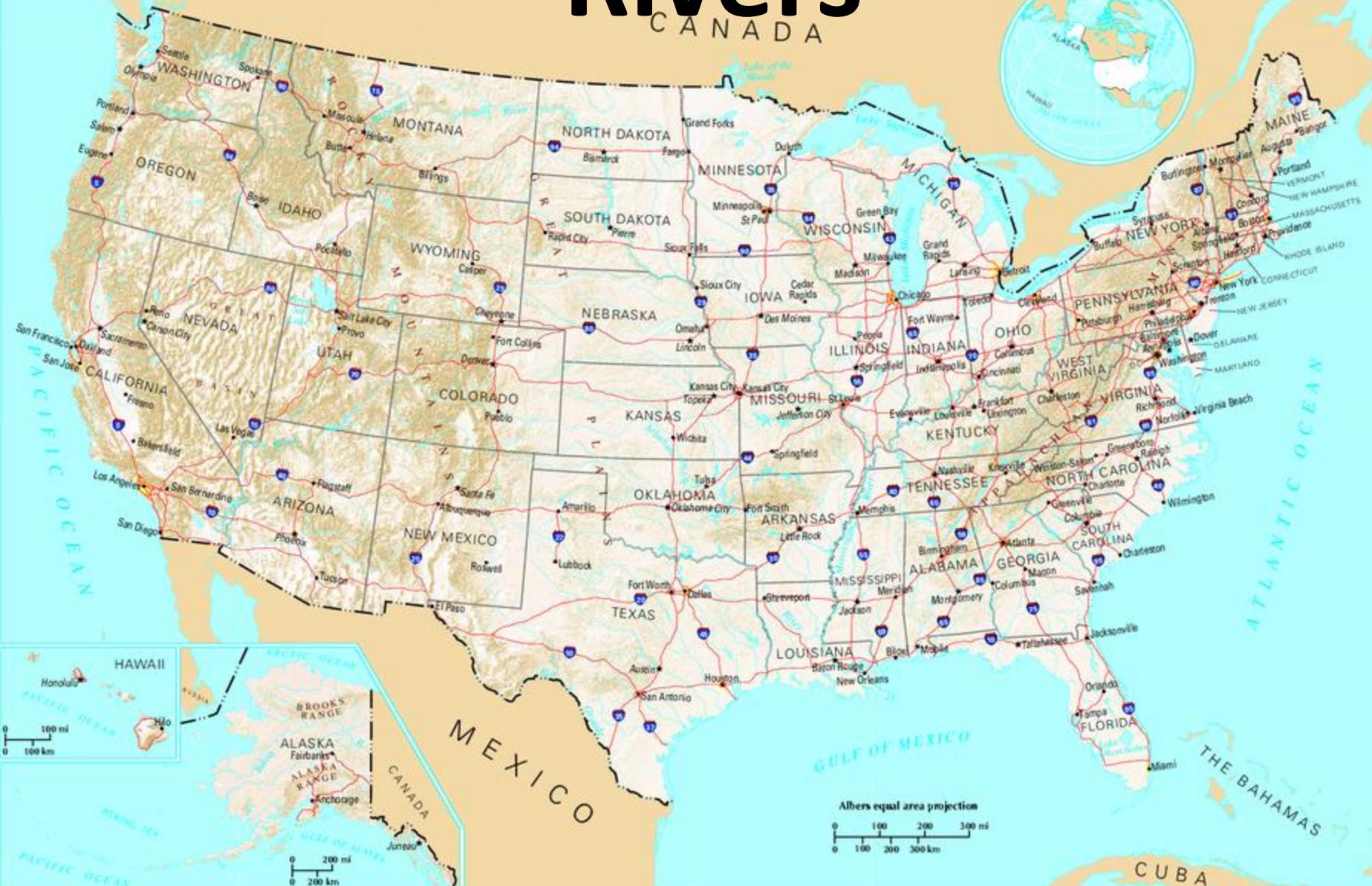
Waters

- **Rivers**
 - The Mississippi – the longest, navigable
 - The Missouri – enters the Mississippi river
 - The Rio Grande – discharges into the Bay of Mexico
 - The Saint Lawrence – connects the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean
 - The Colorado – famous for canyons



Rivers

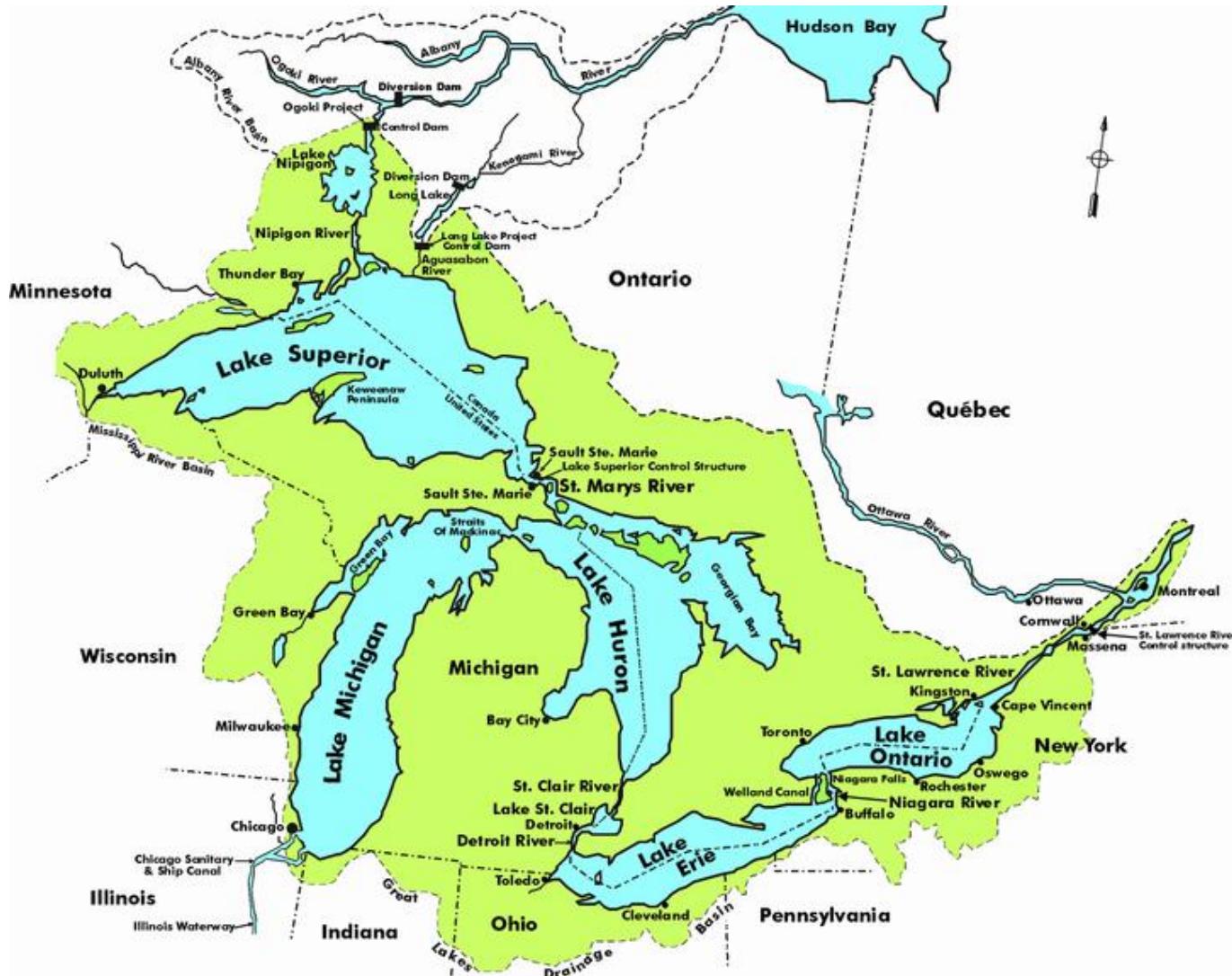
CANADA



Geography Waters

- Lakes
 - **The Great Lakes** – at Canadian border, contain 21% of the world's surface fresh water
 - Superior
 - Michigan
 - Huron
 - Erie
 - Ontario
 - **The Great Salt Lake** – its size fluctuates substantially due to its shallowness

Lakes



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District

Politics

- The world's oldest surviving federation
- Constitutional republic and representative democracy
- The President – the head of the country
- Federal states – self-governing in local matters
- The Governor – the head of each federal state

The federal government

- Is composed of three branches:
 - Legislative
 - Vested in the Congress which has two houses:
 - The Senate
 - The House of Representatives
 - Executive
 - The president
 - Appoints the members of the Cabinet
 - The commander-in chief of the military
 - Judicial
 - The Supreme Court
 - Lower federal courts

The federal government

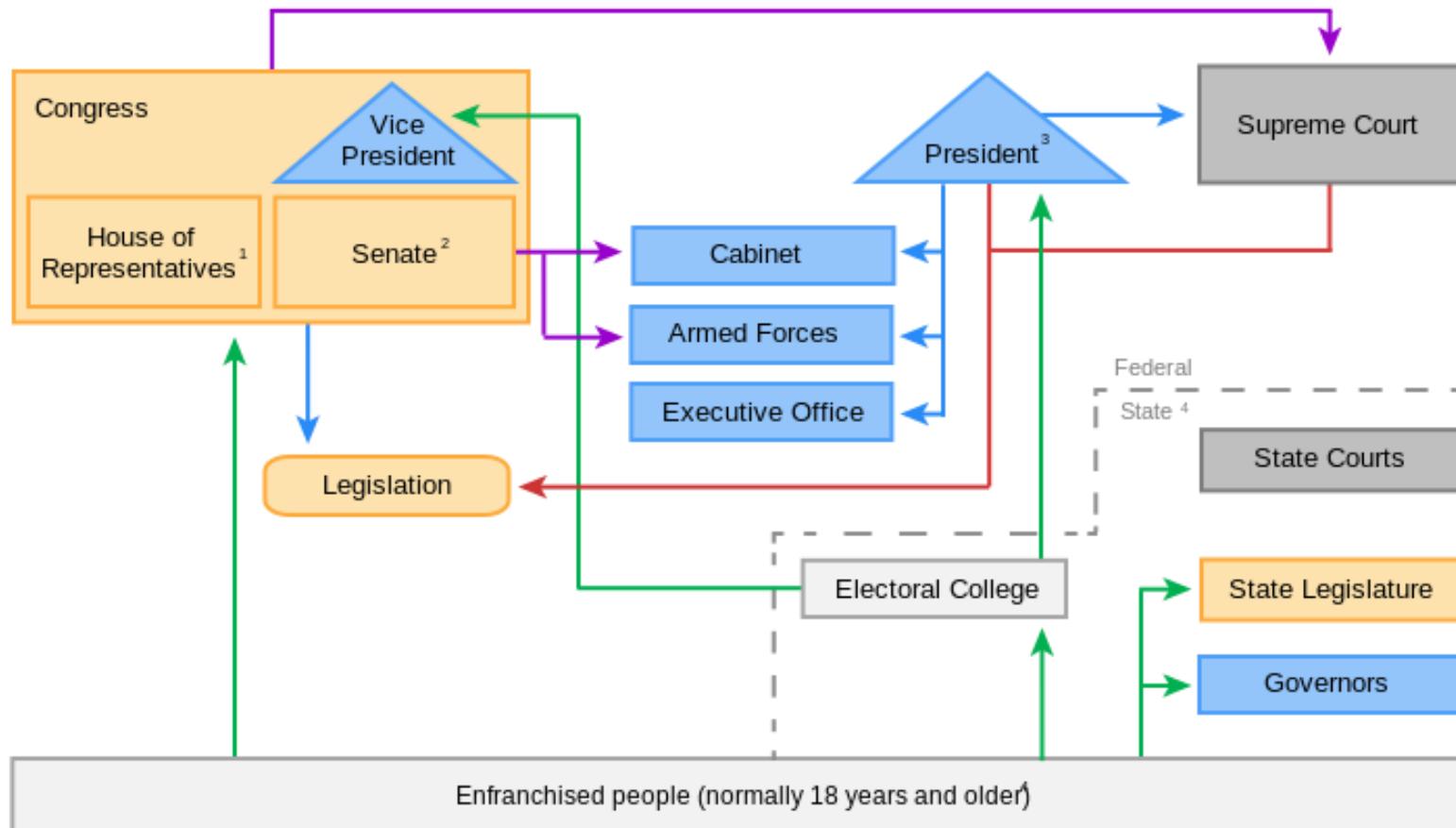
Where are the seats of the three branches?



- **U. S. Capitol – Congress**
- **The White House – President**
- **Supreme Court**



Political System of the United States



- Legislative branch
- Executive branch
- Judicial branch

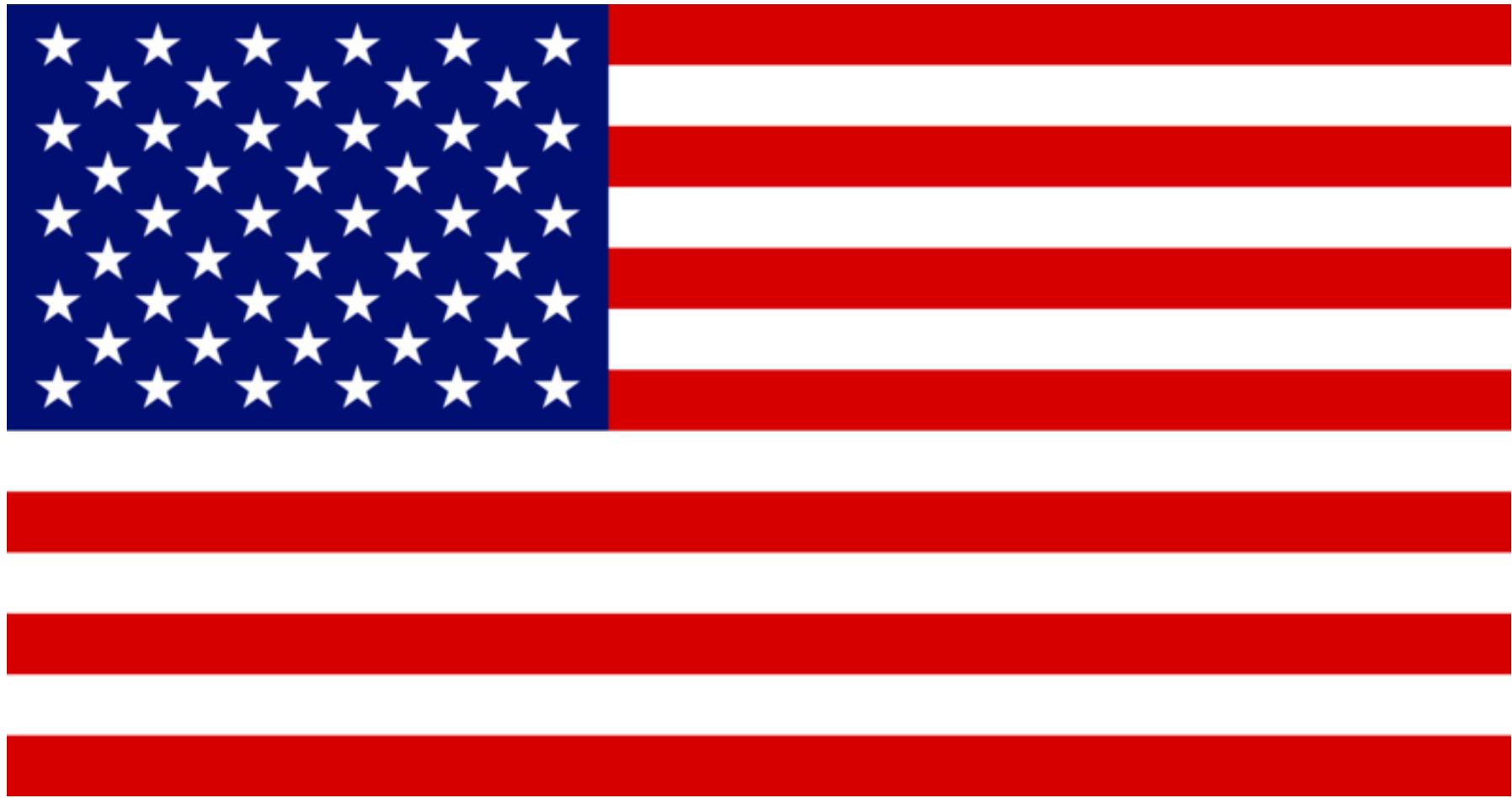
- elects
- appoints or controls
- veto-power / can repeal⁵
- approves

- 1: Elections are every 2 years. Apportionment is based on each states' population
- 2: Each state is represented with 2 senators. Senators serve 6-year-terms, but one-third of the seats are up for election every two years
- 3: Head of state and government, as well as commander-in-chief
- 4: The state levels can vary from state to state
- 5: Presidential vetos can be overridden by a two-thirds vote in both house. The Supreme Court can declare laws as unconstitutional and thereby repeal them

Economy

- **Currency**
 - the United States dollar
 - It is divided into 100 smaller units called cents
- **Industry**
 - trade, chemical, food industry, car production, crab hunting, space research
 - the world's number one producer of electrical and nuclear energy
- **Agriculture**
 - growing crops (the world's top producer of corn and soybeans)
 - breeding cattle, fishing
- **Natural resources**
 - coal, petroleum, liquid natural gas, sulfur, phosphates and salt

Flag



Symbols

- **Flag** consists of:
 - thirteen equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white representing the original thirteen colonies
 - a blue rectangle in the upper left quarter (referred to specifically as the "union") bearing fifty small, white, five-pointed stars representing the 50 states of the USA
- Nicknames for the flag include the "Stars and Stripes" or "Old Glory "

Symbols

- **The Great Seal**
 - Is used to authenticate certain documents issued by the US federal government
 - The obverse of the great seal is used as the national coat of arms

Great Seal of the United States (obverse)

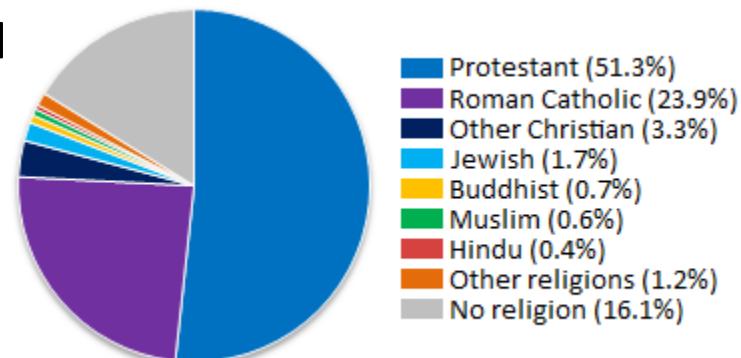


Symbols

- **The national anthem**
 - "**The Star-Spangled Banner**"
 - The lyrics come from "Defense of Fort McHenry", a poem written in 1814 by the 35-year-old lawyer and amateur poet, Francis Scott Key.
 - Although the poem has four stanzas, only the first is commonly sung today
- **The national motto**
 - "**In God we trust**"
 - Has appeared on most coins and on paper currency since 1957

People

- The third most populous nation in the world, after China and India
- Population is 315,809,000, including an estimated 11.2 million illegal immigrants
- Population is very diverse—thirty-one ancestry groups have more than one million members.
 - White Americans are the largest racial group (German, Irish, English, etc.)
 - Black Americans are the nation's largest racial minority
 - Asian Americans are the country's second largest racial minority (Chinese, Filipino, Indian)
 - American native inhabitants (Ind
 - Hispanic and Latino Americans
- Official language:
 - American English
- Religion:



Nicknames of the U.S.A.

I. Melting Pot of Nations

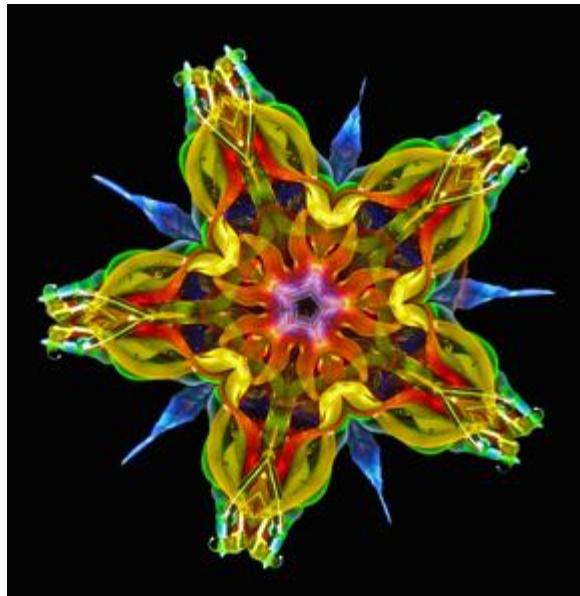
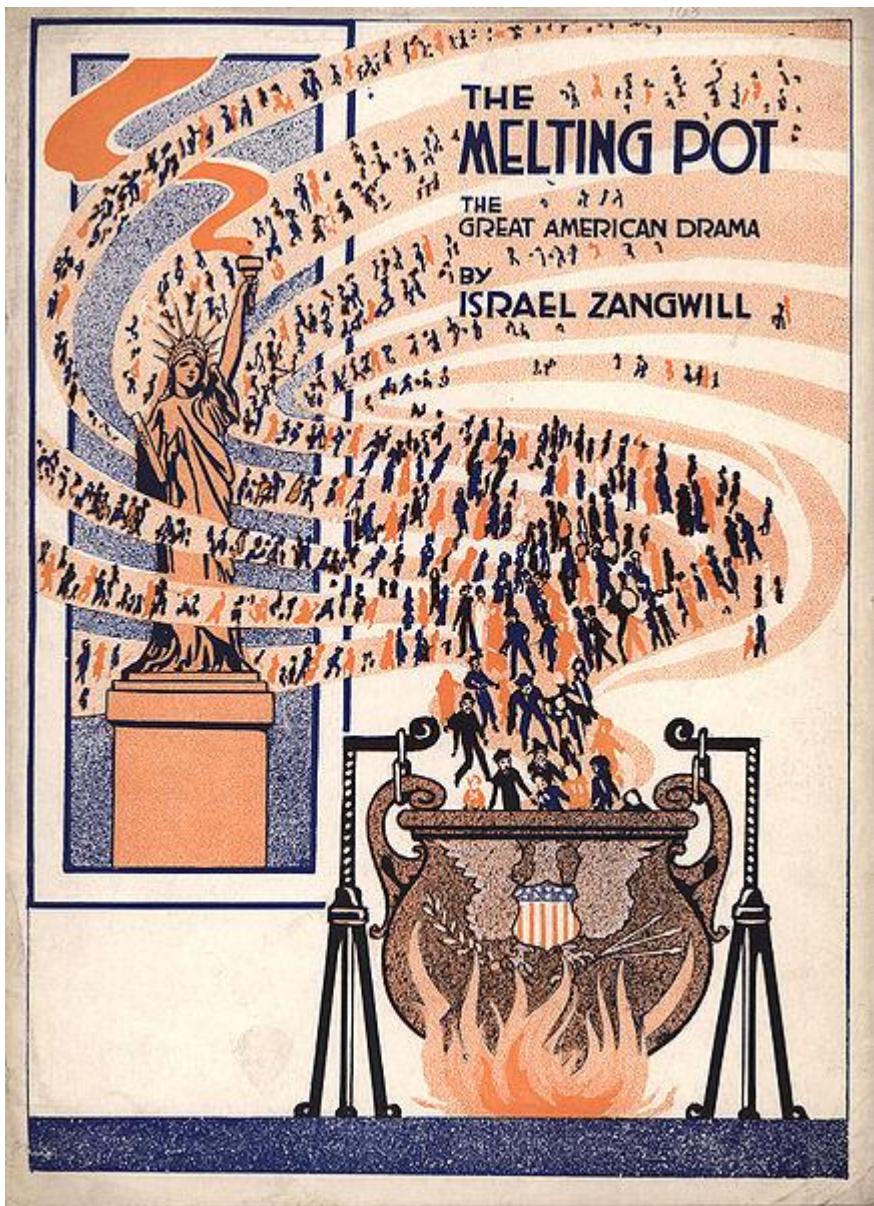
II. Salad Bowl

Mosaic

American Kaleidoscope

Can you explain these metaphors?

Can you find the difference between them?



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