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**План-конспект открытого урока по английскому языку  
на тему: «GETTING TO KNOW THE USA»  
(9 класс)**

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## GETTING TO KNOW THE USA

### Цели:

1. Учить учащихся монологическим высказываниям по истории, географии культуре страны изучаемого языка, традициями, обычаями.
2. Познакомить с разнообразными стереотипами жизни американцев, используя богатый иллюстративный предметный материал из США.

**Оборудование:** компьютер, проектор, карты, альбомы, картинки, открытки, аудиозаписи джазовых мелодий США.

### Ход урока

#### I. Оргкомитет.

Teacher: Dear friends! Our lesson is devoted to the USA. We are going to talk about history, geography, industry, agriculture, holidays, cities, ways of life, hobbies of the American people. I hope you will learn many interesting things at the lesson.

#### II. Развитие монологической речи. Основная часть урока.

##### *P<sub>1</sub>: The Discovery of America.*

The Vikings discovered North America in the 10<sup>th</sup> century of our era. America remained unknown to Europe till the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Christopher Columbus an experienced sailor, asked the King of Spain to fit him out with a fleet of ships, so that he could look for a new route to India. In 1492 he sailed with 3 small ships into the Atlantic Ocean. Columbus was sure that the lands he discovered were part of India. It was understood that Columbus had discovered a new part of the world. It was called America after Amerigo Vespucci, a traveller who left a description of some places. The countries of America were European colonies for many years. The Spanish conquerors robbed and killed the natives without mercy.

##### *P<sub>2</sub>: First Settlers.*

The pilgrims sailed to America from Plymouth, England in September, 1620. They came to America for religious freedom. They were among the first European settlers in America. The name of the ship was the "Mayflower". They landed at Plymouth Rock (the State of Massachusetts) in December 1620. There were people living in America before the pilgrims arrived: The Native American Indians. They hunted, fished and farmed to survive. Every tribe had its own customs and beliefs. In 1621 the pilgrims had a great harvest. They celebrated it with a Thanksgiving feast: turkey, corn, beans and pumpkins. The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of November is Thanksgiving Day in the USA.

##### *P<sub>3</sub>: The Indians.*

Indians and their culture play a big role in the life of the American people. From Indians further to the South through Spanish came new terms for exotic foods - tomatoes, avocado, barbecue. Half of the states have Indian names as well as cities, countries, rivers, lakes, place-names. The Indians became an important subject for American literature. For example, Longfellow's long poem "The Song of Hiawatha". The poem is based on Indian tales and stories. The Indians have also contributed to American music, theatre, medicine, psychology, folk arts and craft, cookery, modern clothes and hair styles. There are Indian museums and Indian centres and monuments throughout the USA.

##### *P<sub>4</sub>: The founding of the American State.*

Great Britain had 13 American colonies after the pilgrims had come to the American continent. In the War of Independence 1775 American Volunteers won their first battle against the British forces.

The 2<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress appointed George Washington as commander-in-chief of the whole colonial army. On July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776 the Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Declaration of Independence drafted by Thomas Jefferson who was later the 3<sup>th</sup> President of the USA. The Bell of Liberty called the Americans to know about the birth of a new free state. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a big national holiday in the USA. The horizontal red and white stripes on the American flag represent the original 13 states. The stars on the flag - white on the dark blue field represent the number of states making up the USA today.

**P<sub>5</sub>: Famous American Presidents.**

In South Dakota there is Mount Rushmore Memorial. You can see 4 granite faces of outstanding presidents of the USA.

The 1<sup>st</sup> is George Washington, the Commander-in-Chief of the American Colonial Army in the War of Independence. He was the 1<sup>st</sup> President of the USA who found the place for its capital. So, the capital of the USA has his name.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> face is Thomas Jefferson's, the 3<sup>rd</sup> president who signed the Declaration of Independence.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> face is of Abraham Lincoln, the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the USA. His ideas about freedom for the black slaves were popular and in the war of the North and South negroes got freedom.

The 4<sup>th</sup> face, is of Theodore Roosevelt. The 26<sup>th</sup> president of the USA who was one of the progressists. His reforms were against war politics and for nature guarding.

John Kennedy, the 35<sup>th</sup> president was popular and very democratic, who was killed by the enemies. New York International Airport and Space Centre in Florida were named after his name.

**P<sub>6</sub>: Geography.**

The USA is bordered by Canada in the North and Mexico in the South. It is washed by the Atlantic Ocean in the East and by the Pacific Ocean in the West. Hawaii, the 50<sup>th</sup> State, is situated in the Pacific Ocean. Alaska is separated from Russia by only 50 miles across the Bering Strait. Major highlands are the Appalachian Mountains in the East and the Rocky Mountains in the West. The central lowland makes up the basin of the Mississippi River with its tributaries the Missouri and Ohio Rivers. There are also large rivers which flow into the Pacific Ocean - the Colorado and Columbia.

The Northern part of the USA has a region of the 5 Great lakes: Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario, connected by natural channels cut by rapids. The greatest of them is the Niagara Falls.

**P<sub>7</sub>: Climate, Industry and Agriculture.**

Crossed by mountain ranges from north to south country is unprotected from cold winds from the north and from warm winds from the south. On the whole, the USA has a continental climate. The country is rich in coal, oil, iron and other minerals. The US economy is highly developed. Mining, metallurgy, electronics and space engineering, chemicals, textiles, leather and footwear are well developed. As regards agriculture both animal husbandry and arable farming are prominent in the economy of the USA.

**P<sub>8</sub>: Capital.**

Washington, DC, is the capital city of the United States. It is located on the north bank of the Potomac River. Washington is one of the most beautiful and unusual cities in the United States. It has little industry and only 1 million people. There are no skyscrapers because they would hide the city's monuments. The famous sights of Washington are the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. The heart of Washington is the Capitol with the Senate Chamber, the Hall of Representatives, the Statuary Hall. The Library of Congress contains



millions of books and manuscripts. Cemetery where John F. Kennedy was buried, The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are worth seeing.

**P<sub>9</sub>: Large Cities.**

*New York* is the largest city and port in the United States. It is the industrial and cultural centre of the country. It is the financial and business centre, the centre of political life, mass media and world's biggest bank centre, economical capital with the population of 7 mln people. The Statue of Liberty stands on a small Island at New York's harbour. It symbolizes the friendship of the USA and France and freedom. The sights of New York are: City Hall, New York public library, Columbia University, the Brooklyn Bridge, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Central park and so on.

*San Francisco* is one of the biggest cities and ports in the West of the USA. Here the famous Golden Gate Bridge is situated.

*Los Angeles* is a «City of Angels» Hollywood the world capital of entertainment is a part of Los Angeles. Sport is an important aspect of Los Angeles life.

Disneyland is situated 27 miles south of Los Angeles was created by Walt Disney. Brilliant cartoon films are made here.

*Philadelphia* is an important commercial, manufacturing and shipping centre. Here you can see the Liberty Bell because the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed here in 1776.

*Chicago* is a leading industrial and grain centre situated in the southeast shore of Lake Michigan. Chicago and Detroit are great centers of automobile industry. The first American skyscrapers were built in Chicago.

**P<sub>10</sub>: The Political System.**

The USA is a federal republic. The president is elected for 4 years and is the head of state and of government. He names the Cabinet. Congress consists of two houses: the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Senate consists of two senators from each state, elected for 6 years. The president of the Senate is the Vice-President of the United States. The two main political parties are the Republicans and the Democrats.

**P<sub>11</sub>: Education.**

About 85% of American students attend public schools. The other 15% attend private schools. After graduating from secondary schools the Americans go on to higher education: technical training schools, colleges and universities.

**P<sub>13</sub>: Holidays.**

Christmas is a very big religious holiday in the USA. It is celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December by every family. There is Christmas tree in every American house. Two things are necessary for the holiday: the exchange of the postcards among friends and relatives and exchange of the gifts for close friends and members of the families. Santa Claus often brings presents for small children and puts them into an old stocking near the kid's beds. Christmas is a merry holiday with songs and music. The other holidays are: Halloween, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and some other ones.

**P<sub>14</sub>: American cars.**

Maybe it's because of the car's wonderful names - Cadillac, Pontiac, Buick, Chevrolet, - the American cars are so big and beautiful. There are 160 mln automobiles on American roads: traffic jams, we never find a place to park. Most modern cities have many big roads. Modern houses are often a long way from schools and stores. Cars are necessary for many people now. The President's automobile has glass doors and windows strong enough to stop bullets.

**P<sub>15</sub>: American homes.**

Americans like to live in their own 1- or 2-storey houses, comfortable inside. They have beautiful large living-rooms, bedrooms, kitchens with all home appliances, work-out rooms and bathrooms.

**P<sub>16</sub>: Music.**

The American nation was formed of people of different nationalities who went to America from Europe, Asia and Africa in search of better conditions of life. These people brought songs of their native lands to America. These were English, French, Russian, Irish, Scottish songs. The style in which people created their songs was named "country" or "western". These songs are about labour, country holidays, beautiful villages, adventures of cowboys. Listen to a popular cowboy song!

**P<sub>16-18</sub>:**

***Home on the Range***

Oh, give me a home  
Where the buffaloes roam  
Where the deer and the antelope play  
Where seldom is heard  
A discouraging word  
And the skies are not cloudy all day.  
Home, home on the range  
Where the deer and the antelope play  
Where seldom is heard  
A discouraging word  
And skies are not cloudy all day.

**P<sub>19</sub>: Jazz (Listening to the records.)**

Jazz was born in New Orleans more than a century ago. It was played by small brass bands, consisting of marches and dance tunes. Between 1910 and 1920 jazz moved northwards to Chicago and New York up and down the Mississippi River. Louis Armstrong an outstanding concert player became the first jazz singer.

**III. Заключительная часть урока. Подведение итогов.**

*Teacher:* Dear children! Thank you for your active participation in our lesson. I think you've learned a lot of interesting and useful facts about the USA. Your marks are 4-s and 5-s. Good bye. See you.