

1. English is considered to be an international language. Why is it so widespread and powerful?
2. A double-decker bus is still one of the most powerful symbols of Britain. Do you agree with this statement? If yes, why? If not, what other symbols would you point at and why?
3. British cuisine has a poor reputation. Is British food that bad?
4. Winston Churchill is often regarded as the most famous person in British history. Do you agree? If not, who would be your choice?
5. The Statue of Liberty is one of the best known American landmarks. Would this be your choice as the most characteristic US structure?
6. The United States of America is often called the land of freedom and opportunity. What makes America great?
7. *Harry Potter* fantasy series by J.K.Rowling has become the best-selling book series in history. In your opinion, who is the most famous writer in British history? Justify your opinion.
8. The Beatles are probably the greatest and most well-known British rock band. The group are also the best-selling band in history. In your opinion, who is the most famous British musician of all time?
9. What are the most popular sports in the USA? Discuss.
10. Why is football such an important part of the culture in Britain?
11. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln or Franklin D. Roosevelt are among many great presidents that the United States of America once had. Unfortunately, US presidents from the turn of the 21st century are no longer great leaders. To what extent do you agree with this statement?
12. *Casablanca*, a 1942 American romantic drama, is often considered the greatest US movie. What is your favorite US movie? And why?
13. Sir Anthony Hopkins is undoubtedly among the greatest and most popular British actors. Who is your favorite British actor or actress?
14. Some people see America as a salad bowl of many different nationalities. Many view America as the cradle of modern democracy. Still others think of America as the most developed economy in the world. What is your perception of the USA?
15. Please name and briefly discuss some of the most significant American values and beliefs.