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The American Identity

The American Identity has traits that have defined us as a Nation from the beginning. The American Identity led us to rebel, to create a new country and Government. It has defined our culture, and shaped the way we view ourselves and others. And as we will learn throughout the course has made us the country we are today. By better understanding these traits you will better understand events like westward expansion, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the Progressive Era, WWI, The Great Depression, WWII, the 1950’s, the Movements of 1960’s, the 1970’s- 90’s and Modern America. It will even help us question if the United States is heading in the right direction today. For this assignment you need to show a basic understanding of some of those traits, their origins, what those traits looks like today. And finally question what our greatest strength is, what our biggest weakness is, and what trait should be developed to counteract our weaknesses. Use any of the traits we talked about in class, or come up with your own view of our American Identity. To do this follow these directions.

1. Create a poster or visual representation of 5 of our American Identity Traits. Each trait should have
	1. Clearly label what the trait is, (5pts)
	2. A picture or symbol that represents the trait, (5pts)
	3. A statement that correctly identifies how that trait became a part of our identity, (5pts)
	4. A statement about how that trait has either influenced our history, or how that trait looks today. (5pts)

(20 pts per Trait)

1. Include a short statement, (2-5 sentences) describing what you think is Americas greatest strength, with an explanation of why you think is our greatest strength. Attach statement to Poster. (25 pts)
2. Include a short statement, (4-7 sentences) describing what you think is a trait that America should change and why, and what trait America should develop to counteract that negative trait. Attach statement to Poster. (25 pts)

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