

	Title (+ Singer)	(Thematic) Focus
M1	<p>The Star-Spangled Banner (official national anthem): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WyGseT2Fiqo (with pictures) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqxJ_iuBPCs (long version)</p>  	<p>National anthem (critical) analysis: contrast patriotism, historical meaning, content / expressions, USA as a role model?</p>
M2	<p>The Star-Spangled Banner (official national anthem): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WyGseT2Fiqo (with pictures) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqxJ_iuBPCs (long version)</p>   <p>America the Beautiful (“unofficial” national anthem): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLYAyuf1I1Q (with patriotic pictures)</p> <p>God Bless America (“unofficial” national anthem): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGAN-rl-OI (with lyrics)</p>    	<p>Patriotic songs: national anthem, unofficial national “anthems”</p>
M3	<p>America © Michael Patrick Kelly, 2021 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nIsMTXdHDo</p> 	<p>Modern: © 2021; ambivalent feelings towards the US: historical references / criticism / hope</p>

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M4	American Idiot, © Green Day, 2004 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ee_uujKuJMI 	Post 9/11 song; it accuses the media of propaganda and creating xenophobia and fear
M5	American Oxygen, © Rihanna, 2015 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ao8cGLIMtvg 	Modern: © 2015; song about the American Dream; very ambiguous (especially in combination with the video clip which shows many landmarks of American history (moon landing, Martin Luther King, Obama, Statue of Liberty, immigration, police violence, ...))
M6	God Bless the U.S.A. Original version: © Lee Greenwood, 1984 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KoXt9pZLGM 	Very patriotic song, praising America, video: many American clichés; American Dream
M7	God Bless the U.S.A., © Beyoncé, 2011 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnCNHFg9y1Q 	Very patriotic song, praising America; Beyoncé: well-known version, video rather pathetic (4 th of July / Liberty Island)
M8	White America, © Eminem, 2002 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZlZD0ZfTFg 	Very critical, autobiographical song; naming and shaming the dichotomy black vs. white “under-privilegedness”
M9	In America © John Legend, 2017 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hA29HXDHW9Y This song could be used in the same way as M3b or as a contrast to any of the other songs in M2 or M7. 	Anti-American Dream song; John Legend = famous R&B singer and activist against racial injustice and the continuing fight for civil rights.
M10	American Dreams © Papa Roach, 2017 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6KX2mB7LHI (video 1) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CXq51iC4yk (video 2)  	Punk, Anti-American Dream; very explicit criticism of many different issues.
M11	American Dream © will.i.am, 2021 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NjH_pVai2M - 	Contrast: statistics + words question equality, but general (hopeful) message: anyone can make it; Suitable as an introduction or “wrap up” for the topic // pop

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M12	<p>I love the USA © Weezer, 2016</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amy-4jDIYgo</p> 	<p>Patriotic song? Cynical song?</p> <p>“Choose Your Own Adventure”</p>
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“Classics” such as “Born in the USA” (Bruce Springsteen, 1984), “Living in America” (James Brown, 1985), “This Land is Your Land” (Woody Guthrie, 1940) etc. are not included here.

“Local” songs like “New York, New York”; “West Virginia”, “California Dreaming”, “Go West”, “Empire State of Mind” etc. are not listed here either.

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