

## **“The America I Believe In”**

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We are very lucky to be in this country. I believe in America because of our great military, the people who made America great, and our freedom. My essay is going to talk about those things and why I believe. “America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”

The 1<sup>st</sup> reason I believe in our country is because of the great military we have. Did you know that thirty of forty-three presidents served in the army, twenty-four during time of war, two earned the rank of 5-star general and 1 earned the medal of honor? People every day put their lives on the line for you and me, we should respect that. “Our military strength is a prerequisite to peace, but let it be clear we maintain this strength in the hope it will never be used.”

My second reason is because of the people. There are a lot of different people who made America great. I will only talk about three. The first one is Thomas Jefferson. From 1743 to 1826 he was the principle author of declaration of independence, which asserted rights and freedoms of American citizens. From 1706 to 1790 Benjamin Franklin played a key role in encouraging the diverse colonies to join the war of independence. From 1732-1799 George Washington served as a commander in chief of the American forces during the war of independence.

The last reason I believe in America is because of our freedom. First, is the freedom of religion. Freedom of religion guarantees to all Americans that you have the right to practice any religion that you want. Next, is the freedom of speech. This gives you the right to express your ideas and opinion when you speak. Last, is freedom of petition. This gives you the right to ask your government to do something or to refrain from doing something.

There are many different ways of why I believe in America. I think America will continue to succeed in the future. Why do you believe?

