## "The America I Believe In" By Anna Fields

In America we have freedom, equal rights and a great military fighting for us. But do you know why we have these things? What do they mean to you?

Today we have all these great things in America because of the determination of the patriots. In the 1700s patriots were fighting Great Britain for freedom and independence. The fight went on for a while but on July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776 the patriots declared their independence from Britain by signing the declaration of independence. This caused the Revolutionary War but America (patriots) managed to win the war. So that's how we got freedom and still have it today.

In America we also have equal rights. This means we can go to any church we want and believe in whatever you want and not be killed. Be able to do any job we want to or vote for whatever or whoever you want to. Women and men colored or white, rich or poor we are all treated the same. All citizens of the United States of America have the same rights, and as a citizen of the United States your rights and freedom can't be taken from you.

Do you every wonder why in America we are free or why we all have equal rights because not every country in the world has freedom or equal rights well here's the answer, our military fights all around the world for our freedom. The U.S has the strongest Army in the world because of our strength, technology and weapons. In America you have a choice as a citizen if you want to join the military or not because you have the freedom. In some countries the rulers choose if you are in the armed forces.

We are very lucky to live in such a great country. Also the America I believe in believes in the constitution, the people, happiness, and justice. So what is the America that you believe in just think about it because your day may come when you are ask what is the America that you believe in. What does America mean to you?