

Why I am Proud to be an American

As I ponder, "Why I am proud to be an American", many thoughts come to mind.

Many immigrants come to America each year for the freedom America offers. For many, this journey can be lengthy and challenging. Being born in America, I am extremely fortunate that these rights and freedoms were given to me at birth.

Our Constitution and Bill of Rights have stood the test of time. I am thankful our founding fathers had the foresight to safeguard the freedoms we enjoy. I am proud to live in a country where we have freedom of speech and religion, the right to bear arms, and the opportunity to participate in our government through our right to vote. I will never take these freedoms for granted.

We, the people, make America great. Our families, friends and neighbors look out for one another. Coaches and teachers help and encourage us to be our best. Police officers, firefighters and first responders are always on guard, keeping us safe. We have opportunities to serve and give back to our communities. I am proud to live in a country where people work together for the betterment of all.

America is known as the land of opportunity. Success is achieved by hard work and the determination to reach our goals, not by social class, race, ethnicity, or gender. I am proud to live in a nation where, regardless of who you are, there is no limit to what you can accomplish.

We live in a country of breathtaking beauty that is valued and protected for everyone to enjoy. The National Parks System was created in 1906 to protect and preserve our land and natural resources for future generations. America now has over 400 national parks.

Countless soldiers have given their lives to defend America's freedoms. I am grateful for those who have fought for me and for this country. Because of their bravery and sacrifice, I enjoy America's freedoms. I will always stand tall and face the flag to show my respect for this great nation. I am proud to be an American.