

The American Dream then and now

This exam refers to the topic "The American Dream/American Way of Life".

Tasks (refer to Mock exam text 3)

Work through the following assignments using your own words as far as possible.

1. Outline the reasons Schwarzenegger gives for leaving his home country of Austria.
2. Point out the speaker's attitude towards the (political) position of the (former) Soviet Union.
3. Analyse how Schwarzenegger makes his speech effective.
4. Choose one of the following tasks:
 - a) Arnold Schwarzenegger claims that what he has achieved is "an immigrant's dream. It's the American Dream" (l.5). Comment on this statement. You may take into consideration what you know about the American Dream.
 - b) Imagine you are an immigrant and have just listened to Schwarzenegger's speech. Write a formal letter to him either congratulating him on his speech or criticising it.
 - c) People are afraid of what they do not know. Give your personal opinion.