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History of Americanism

Did you know that Americanism has a long and exciting history?

In the 17th century people proclaimed the US the “chosen country.” America, with its morals and democratic principles, was an example to others.

When the colonists won the Revolutionary war people saw it as proof of the country’s special status. They believed that the new land offered unlimited opportunities.

The idea of Manifest Destiny was born. The US spread its values throughout the continent and when the era of globalization came, Americanism became even more widespread.

Theodore Roosevelt is associated with the popularization of Americanism. He encouraged immigrants to come to the US and adopt the American way of living. People from all over the world moved to the United States in search of a better life.

By honoring the past, embracing the present, and shaping the future, Americans can ensure that the spirit of Americanism continues to inspire generations to come.