

**SONG: HOMEWORK!**

SCENE 1

CHAZ: Okay, guys, let's get this over with.

CAMILLE: Yeah, the sooner we start this project, the sooner will get it finished.

MICHAEL: Hey, I don't wanna rush this. I need a good grade in social studies.

CAMILLE: Me too.

CHAZ: *(with frustration)* Okay. Where is Greta?

CAMILLE: She said she'd be a little late.

CHAZ: Well, we can't get started without her.

MICHAEL: Sure we can. Let's start talking about what we want to do for this social studies project. I'll write our ideas down.

CAMILLE: Oh, that's good, Michael.

CHAZ: Yeah, whatever.

MICHAEL: Okay. What does the assignment sheet say to do?

CAMILLE: Well, every team has to do a project that tells why we love our country.

CHAZ: Yeah? Well, what if we don't love our country.

MICHAEL: What do you mean?

CHAZ: It's just that...well, maybe our project could be about...something else.

CAMILLE: Like what?

CHAZ: Like...what's wrong with this country?

*(enter Greta)*

GRETA: Hey, guys. Sorry I'm late.

MICHAEL: It's okay, Greta. Chaz here just was suggesting that we change our assignment to something else.

GRETA: Something else? Something besides “why we love our country?”

CAMILLE: Yeah, Chaz was just suggesting...uh...Chaz...?

CHAZ: Never mind.

GRETA: Okay. Well, I have some ideas. Let’s start off by finding pictures of different kinds of people who live in our country.

CHAZ: Different kinds of people? Like ugly people...short people...people with big noses...people who don’t care about anybody but themselves?

GRETA: No, Chaz. People from different backgrounds...like different colors of skin.

CHAZ: Oh....that...

CAMILLE: I think that’s great. Let’s start off with some faces of our nation.

MICHAEL: Yeah, that’s a cool idea. I’ll take some pictures of some of the people at my church...

GRETA: ...and maybe we can even find some pictures of nature. And we can do a multi-media presentation.

CAMILLE: My dad could help us. He’s good at that kind of thing.

MICHAEL: Hey, let’s call this part, “America, You’re Beautiful.”

CAMILLE: I like that.

GRETA: Cool.

*(lights down on characters)*

**SONG: AMERICA, YOU’RE BEAUTIFUL**

SCENE 2

*(lights up on characters)*

MICHAEL: So, I think we're getting off to a good start. What do you guys think?

GRETA: I think it's great.

CAMILLE: I like it.

CHAZ: *(folding his arms and acting grump)* What difference does it make what I think?

GRETA: It makes a lot of difference, Chaz.

CAMILLE: Sure, this is a democracy.

MICHAEL: Just like our country. Everybody has a voice.

CHAZ: Oh really? Since when?

GRETA: Since well, since the beginning.

CAMILLE: Yeah, it was the whole point, Chaz. People came to America for freedom... freedom to worship as they wished... freedom to speak... freedom to live their dream.

MICHAEL: That's it! I know the next thing we should do... a brief history of how our country got started.

GRETA: Sure. That's one of the reasons I love our country.

CAMILLE: Yeah, me too.

**SONG: WE NEED TO REMEMBER**