

## The Many Facets of an American Life

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When we think of an American life we think of apple pie and freedom. Reams of paper couldn't cover all the wonderful ways we experience an American life.

In 1765 an act by the British Parliament taxed the American colonies, when George III became Prime Minister. He resolved a more gregarious colonial policy such as enforcement of the Act of Trade, establishment of permanent British forces, establishing the power of the Royal Governor's, and raising taxation within the colonies to support the expenses of British forces. The Stamp Act was passed without much ado but the colonist claimed that Parliament had no right to tax them without their consent. In 1766 the measure was repealed.

A great deal of history happened and here we are since the Declaration of Independence trusting our future to a lifetime foundation and happiness in an American life. The endowment of our independence has laid the foundation for us to raise happy and successful families.

Our experiences of carnivals, concerts, theatre, movies, and sports bring us an American Dream. I was elated about a Triple Crown happening in 2015, after thirty seven years. Most aptly with a name like American Pharaoh, the horse ran like a true winner. We are blessed with freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and living a democratic American life.