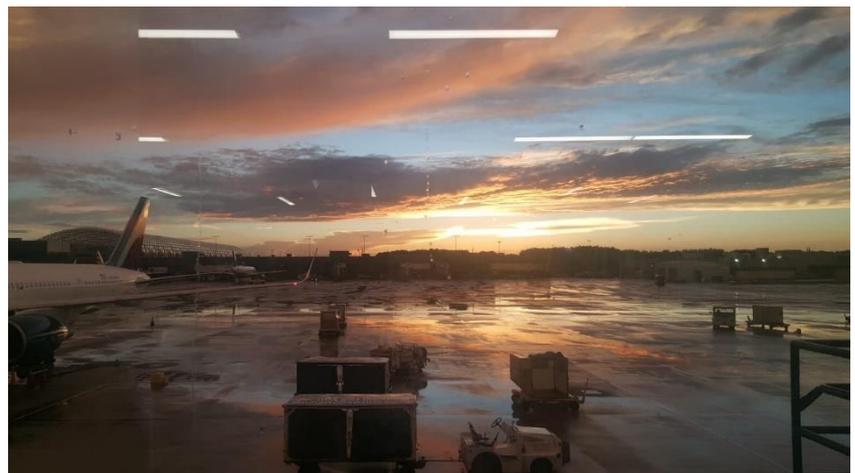
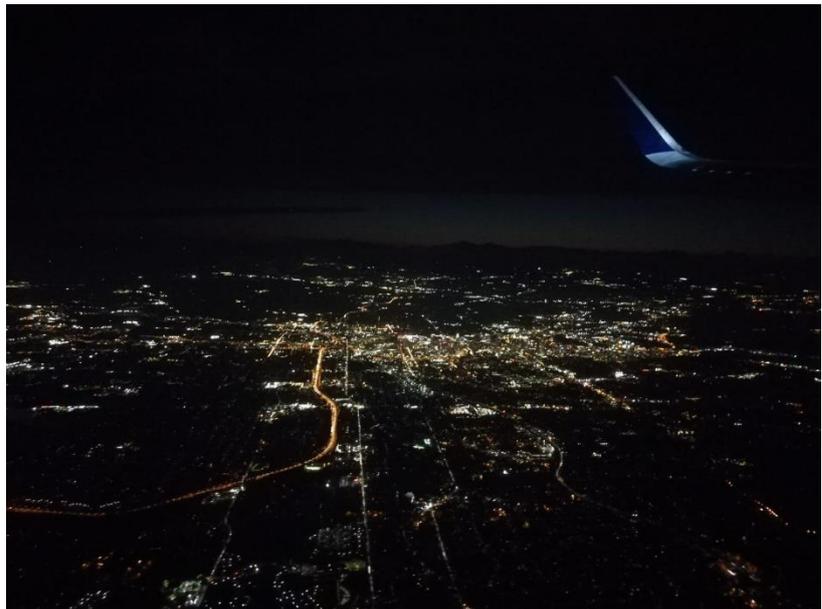


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On Tuesday 09 April I started my journey from Frankfurt to the USA. After 9 hours flight to Atlanta I got off the plane and stood in line for immigration: The entry to the US was easier than I expected. Told the border official how long I was going to stay and why I wanted to enter the USA, had a photo taken of me and a stamp in my passport. That was the border control. Then I changed terminals at one of the largest airports of the world and entered a plane for another 3 hours to Phoenix, where I was picked up by my host family at the airport. All family members offered a warm welcome to me and the presents I brought from Germany were well received.



On the first day I was very tired because of the jetlag and didn't do much. On my second day I went straight to high school. There all exchange students were welcomed by the headmaster. He then assigned me to a student with whom I then attended his subjects. In the USA the students have the same subjects every day. But when you see how little work is really done in class, it's almost understandable that they have every day the same subjects. The students in the USA are much friendlier and more open than German students are. Everyone came to me and wanted to talk to me and found it fascinating that I came from Germany. I met so many people on the first day of high school that I gave up trying to

memorize their names. Class started at 8:15 and ended at 14:55. After high school I was always picked up by my host family who also drove me to school in the morning. My first high school day was very good. On Tuesday 17 April the whole group of exchange students went to the Grand Canyon, with a stopover in Sedona. The Grand Canyon was incredible. Really impressive and worth seeing. Unfortunately, the trip there took a long time so that we only had one hour on site. But it was really worth it.





Phoenix is a typical American city with an impressive downtown area. Everything is big and very eye-catching. But it was very crowded, so I didn't spend much time there. After visiting the city center, my host family went to a fast food restaurant with me. Fast food restaurants have a different significance in the USA than in Germany. It is completely normal there to eat fast food regularly. There are also considerably more fast food restaurant chains than in Germany. Of course, they also cook at home, but not as regularly as in Germany and not as healthy.



Another thing that is different from Germany is the fact that almost all routes are driven by car, no matter how short the route is. In general, one can say that the Americans are much friendlier than the Germans. You are greeted much more often and the people are generally much nicer than in Germany. No matter where. Whether at school, in the shopping center or at the gas station. All in all, you can say that life in the USA is quite different from life in Germany. I really enjoyed living with an American host family for three weeks and I would do it again at any time.

