

Some Concepts to Discuss

A story that could be true
A vacation in chaos
Abortion: rights vs legislation of morality
Abraham Lincoln Brigade
Absolved in advance
Abstinence-only education
Abundance
Affirmative action
AIDS Memorial Quilt
Alcohol = spirits
Alien abductions
Alienation
Amateur
America's birth trauma: 1675-1695
America's original sin
Americanism
American exceptionalism
American Hero
American Dream
American monomyth
Amnesia
Anarchia
Andocracy vs Deep masculinity
Anglo-Saxon
Anima mundi
Anticommunism
Anti-intellectualism
Apocalypse
Apollonic killing
Aqedah, the sacrifice of Isaac
Archetype: honoring vs identifying
Archetypal Child
Artificial scarcity
As above, so below
Authentic masculinity & the feminine
Authentic vs neurotic suffering
Auto-de-fe
Axis of Evil
Baby Boomers
Baby killers
Backlash
Bacon's rebellion
Battle re-enactments
Beat Generation
Beatlemania
Believe nothing, entertain possibilities
Better Dead than Red
Betwixt and between
Bill of Rights, Bill of Responsibilities

Birth of a Nation
Black Madonna
Black Power
Black leather jacket
Blackface minstrelsy
Blackness = sin
Blaming the victim
Boy psychology
Brands
Calling
Calvinism
Camelot
Capital punishment
Captivity narratives
Carnival
Cathars
Catholic
Celebrity
Character vs intellect
Charon
Chinese Exclusion Act
Chosen people
City on a hill
City values vs rural values
Civil Religion
Class vs race
Closure
Cognitive dissonance
Collective unconscious
Colonialism
Communism
Communitas
Competition
Con Man
Conspicuous consumption
Conspiracy theory
Containment
Contamination
Contragate
Corporation = person
Counterculture
Coyote
Crack cocaine epidemic
Creative imagination
Crusade / jihad
Cult of the dying god
Cult of the flag
Cutthroat competition
Cybershrines
Daimon
Death of the Hero

Death of the King
Deinstitutionalization
Deep State
Demythologized world
Denial of death
Descanso
Development vs liberation
Devil
Devil's music
Dia de los Muertos
Dime novels
Disenchantment of the world
Disillusionment
Dissociation
Divine madness
Dogma
Doing good and doing well
Dominion vs stewardship
Dominative & aversive racism
Domino Theory
Don't trust anyone over thirty!
Dr. Spock
Dragnetomania
Drug use in sports
Dunning School of historians
Eccentric
Eden
Elder vs Older
Electoral college
Embargo
Empire for Liberty
Empty land
Entertainment
Entheogen
Enthusiasm
Equality vs diversity
Eugenics
Every man for himself
Evil Empire
Evil doers
Exclusion clause
Exile
Externalized costs
Extraordinary rendition
Face of the Other
Fairness vs cheating / corruption
Fairness Doctrine
False equivalences
Fans
Fatal flaw
Father Time

Fear of the Other
Fiana
Flower children
Four functions of myth (Ch. 7)
Fratricide
Free market
Freedom / liberty vs equality
Freedom vs security
Gaia Hypothesis
Gambling fever
Gateway drug
Gatekeepers
Gender: legislation of morality
Getting ahead
Getting high
Ghetto
G.I. Bill
Gilded Age
Girl groups
Globalist
God helps those who help themselves
Good intentions gone wrong
Government aid vs dependency
Graceland
Grandiosity vs depression
Great Awakening
Green Man
Gross National Happiness index
Growth vs depression
Guilt vs responsibility
Gulf of Tonkin incident
Gun control
Gylany
Halloween
Harmonia
Harry Potter
Hella
Heretic
Hero/winner vs loser/victim/villain
Hero vs Warrior
Hero's journey
Hieros gamos
Hip-Hop subculture
Hollywood production code
Holy Grail
Holy war
Homeland Security
Homelessness
Homesteading
Horatio Alger
Hostage

Human rights
Humility, human, humus, humor
Hungry ghosts
Hysteria
Identification with the aggressor
Identification through othering
Identity politics
Idiot
Idleness
If it bleeds, it leads
Immanence vs transcendence
Immigration
Indian country
Indigenous soul
Individual among nations
Individualism vs individuality
Individualism vs conformism
Individuation
Inflation
Initiation vs pseudo-initiation
Inner Other vs Outer Other
Innocence vs betrayal
Inquisition
Intermittent conditioning
Jacksonian democracy
Jazz funerals
Jew
Jim Crow
John Wayne
Keeping up with the Jones's
Kennedys
King / Warrior / Magician / Lover
King of Fools
King Phillip's War
Know Thyself
Kokopelli
Ku Klux Klan / *Kuklos*
Land w/o people for a people w/o land
Lavender Scare
Laziness
LBJ! How many kids did you kill today?
Legacy admission
Legislating morality
Level playing field
Liberal establishment
Libertarian
Liminality
Liminal period of 1953-1955
Literal vs symbolic
Litima
Lone, mass murderer

Lost Cause
Lucios / the loosener
Lynching
Macro, micro and mesocosm
Maenads vs Bacchants
Make world safe for democracy
Male vs female initiation
Masculinity vs patriarchy
Mandatory education
Manifest Destiny
Manufacture of consent
Mardi Gras
Marija Gimbutas
Martyr
Mary
Mater, materialism
May the best man win
Me Decade
Meaning of life (Picasso)
Melting Pot
Meritocracy vs social class
Messiah / *Christos*
Metaphor
Midlife crisis
Millennial
Military-Industrial Complex
Miscegenation
Missile gap
Mobility, upward mobility
Monomyth
Monroe Doctrine
Mother / Mater / material
My country, right or wrong
My Lai
Myth of Israeli Innocence
Myth of the frontier
Myths of the 1960s
NAFTA
Narrative manipulation
Nation building
National debt
Nationalism
Nativism
New Age spirituality
New Frontier
New Pearl Harbor
New start
New world order
Newsreels
Neo-colonialism
No Child Left Behind

Nobility
Noble savage
Novus Ordo Seclorum
Nostalgia
Nuclear family
Obama
One-drop rule
Open Door policy
Oral tradition
Origin myths
Original sin
Other
Outside agitator
Ownership
Pagan
Panic
Paranoid imagination
Passion play
Patriot
Peace of Westphalia
Pearl Harbor
Pequots
Perception management
Peter Pan
Pharmakon
Pioneers
Playing by the rules
Pluto
Polis and its membership
Pollution
Polygenesis
Poor quality Dionysus
Populism
Positive liberty vs negative liberty
Predatory imagination
Predestination
Priapus
Primitive
Privilege
Progress and growth
Prohibition
Projection and transference
Promised land
Propaganda
Proper burial
Proselytize
Protagonist / antagonist
Pseudo-initiations
Psyche
Psyche & Eros
Psychedelics

Psychopath, sociopath, narcissist
PTSD
Public assistance
Pulling up by one's bootstraps
Purgatory
Puritan vs Opportunist
Purpose
Pursuit of happiness
Race card
Radical individualism
Radical ritual
Rat race
Reality shows
Rebellion vs conformity
Rebirth
Reconstruction
Red scares (1) & (2)
Red, white and black
Redemption through violence
Reframing
Religion of the body
Religious justification for greed
Re-invigorating the myth
Re-member / dis-member
Renunciation
Requiem mass
Retributive vs restorative justice
Return of the repressed
Revelation
Reverse discrimination
Ritual humiliation
Rituals of confirmation
Rituals of transformation
Rituals of welcome
Ritual combat vs literal violence
Rock concerts
Ruah / pneuma / spiritus
Rules-based international order
Russians
Sacred space
Sacrifice
Sacrifice of lust
Saddam Hussein
Samhain
Same-sex marriage
Satan / Diabolikos / Lucifer
Scapegoat
Scarcity vs abundance
Schism
Second line
Secondary burial

Self-help manuals
Self-improvement
Self-made man
Settler colonialism
Seven generations
Sexual revolution
Sexuality vs spirituality
Shadow
Shamanism
Sin / *Hamartia* / fatal flaw
Size Six
Smaller government
Smiley face
Social Darwinism
Social mobility
Solar mythology
Solid South
Soul
Spectacle
Standardized testing
Starting over
Striking the first blow
Suburbs
Suffering together
Sundown towns
Superhero
Superpredator
Swing voters
Tabula rasa
Tax revolt
Teenager
Televangelist
Temperance movement
Temptation
Terrorist mastermind
Terrorist Watch List
The liquor made me do it
The Twist
Three-fifths clause
Tiamat / The Beast / Jaws
Time: linear vs cyclic
Time is money
Toxic Mimic
Trail of tears
Transformation
Trickster
Tritone / Devil's interval
Trumpus the "outsider"
Truth & Reconciliation Commission
Tyranny of the majority
Ubuntu
Un-American
Unburied dead
Underworld
Undead
Unripe
Vagina dentata
Vengeance
Vicarious intensity
Victim
Vietnam: Good intentions
Vigilante movies
Virgin
Vocation / evoke / invoke / provoke
Voluptos
Vote suppression
Walled city, walled garden
Wandering souls
War on drugs
Watergate
Watts riot of 1965
Wealth and salvation
Wedge issues
Welfare reform
Welfare queen
What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas
White man's burden
Whiteness
White supremacy
Wild West
Wilderness / danger / virtue
Winners and losers
Witch craze
Wounded healer
Xenos
Zero tolerance