

## **America's Gift to My Generation**

John Quincy Adams once said, "You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it."

America's greatest gift to my generation, has been liberty, justice and equality for all. Today, the American constitution guarantees that all Americans are treated equally, where no one is judged by the color of their skin, gender or their religion. However, this was not always the case. What we have achieved today has come from many years of struggle and strife. From the Civil War to the more recent terrorist attacks, America has gone through it all. The past generations have seen some difficult times such as slavery, the Great Depression and Civil War. Through all those struggles, we have come out on top and have fought back with courage and bravery.

Today, our country is an example for the rest of the world to follow. Our country's diversity is our strength which binds us together as Americans. America is seen as a place of safety, security and opportunities. Just look at the war-torn countries where citizens are fleeing their homes for better lives. They cannot go outside their doorstep without the fear of being shot. We as Americans should be proud to have soldiers and veterans that care for our safety. Our veterans and soldiers sacrifice their own lives to save our country each and every day. They are the ones that keep America's hope alive.

"This Nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave," said Elmer Davis. We owe a lot to what we are today to our veterans. If it was not for their bravery and sacrifices, we would not be a nation today. They have helped protect America's greatest gift to my generation.