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Vorwort

Liebe Schülerinnen und Schüler,

dieses handliche Skript widmet sich den für Ihre Abiturprüfung wesentlichen Inhalten. Es behandelt das aktuelle **Schwerpunktthema** sowie weitere **landeskundliche Bereiche**, die für Ihre **Englisch-Prüfung im Basis- oder Leistungsfach** in Baden-Württemberg relevant sind.

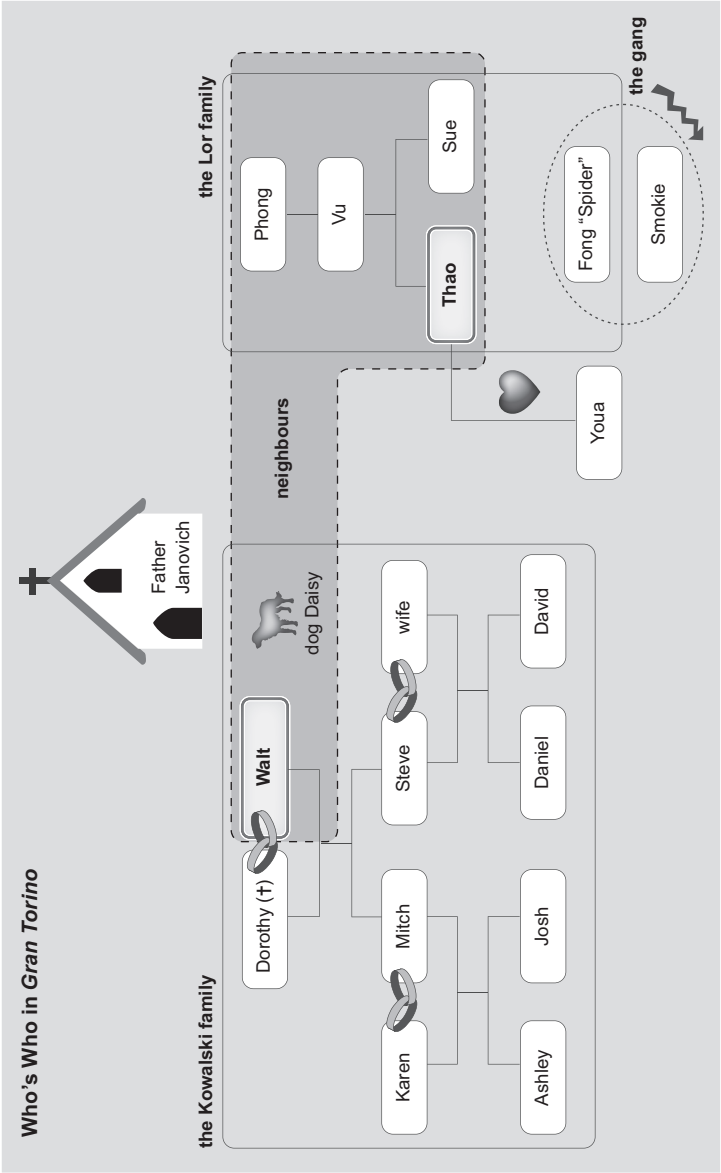
In seiner klaren Struktur und Fokussierung eignet sich dieses Skript besonders zur Auffrischung und Wiederholung des Prüfungsstoffs kurz vor dem Abitur:

- In den Abschnitten zu *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* und *Gran Torino* werden die wichtigsten Informationen zu Roman und Film in übersichtlicher und prägnanter Form zusammengefasst.
- Der anschließende Abschnitt widmet sich Hauptaspekten des Schwerpunktthemas „**The Ambiguity of Belonging**“ und ihrer Bedeutung für Roman und Film.
- Zahlreiche **Schaubilder** fassen die Inhalte übersichtlich zusammen und erleichtern so das Lernen. Darüber hinaus wird mit Originalzitataten aus Roman und Film gearbeitet. Diese dienen als konkrete **Beispiele** für abstrakte Inhalte und weisen Sie auf entscheidende Roman- und Filmstellen hin.
- Speziell für Schüler*innen des **Basisfachs** konzentriert sich der Abschnitt „**World of Work**“ auf die Rolle des Individuums in der Arbeitswelt, auf technologische Entwicklungen sowie deren Chancen und Risiken.
- Zu Beginn des Kapitels „**Anglo-American Culture and our Modern World**“ finden Sie **Mindmaps** zu den abiturelevanten Themen **USA, UK** und „**Challenges of our modern world**“. Die in den Mindmaps vorkommenden Begriffe werden im anschließenden Glossar kurz und prägnant erklärt.

Viel Erfolg beim Lernen mit diesem Buch und im Abitur!



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2 Content and structure

Setting 1: At the church (ca. 00:45–03:43)²

- Dorothy Kowalski’s funeral service
- widower Walt is visibly upset about family’s behaviour and Father Janovich’s shallow sermon

Setting 2: In Walt’s house/Outside Walt’s house (ca. 03:44–09:44)

- Walt’s grandsons find memorabilia of Korean War in Walt’s cellar
- Walt’s granddaughter Ashley bluntly asks him to inherit 1972 Gran Torino Sport
- traditional Hmong birth ceremony at Walt’s neighbours’ house
- Father Janovich wants Walt to go to confession, Walt rejects this

Setting 3: Inside the Lors’ house (ca. 09:45–11:05)

- Thao’s grandmother Phong complains about Thao not being “the man of the house”

Setting 4: On the porches (ca. 11:06–12:40)

- Walt and Phong suspiciously eye each other from their porches
- Walt refuses Father Janovich’s offer for confession again

Setting 5: In the street (ca. 12:41–15:08)

- Hispanic gang bullies Thao
- cousin Spider and his gang help Thao, want him to join them

Setting 6: In the Lors’ garden (ca. 15:09–17:22)

- gang pressures Thao into joining them and stealing Walt’s Gran Torino

Setting 7: At a bar (ca. 17:23–20:04)

- Father Janovich’s next attempt to talk to Walt
- Walt mentions experiences on the Korean battlefield, implying that he knows more about death than the young priest

² Times refer to the DVD version of *Gran Torino* and may vary slightly when played on different devices.

2 Religion

Background information

atheist	sb who does not believe in God or any supernatural power
confession	acknowledgement of one's sins (to a priest)
hypocrisy	pretending to be more moral or more noble than in reality
redemption	the action of being relieved of one's sins
sacrifice	giving up sth valuable, often for the sake of others

(Christian) Religion in *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter*

- Ina Ott is highly religious, night time prayer about a “special friend” for Larry ⇒ **family/peer group**

Example

Chapter 5, p. 98: “‘Dear Lord,’ she prayed, ‘thank You for Your grace. Thank You for healing Larry’s stuttering and his asthma. Please,’ she said, and he heard that she was trying not to cry, ‘please, God, send him a special friend. One just – one just for him. Amen,’ she said, and left.”

(Ina Ott praying for a special friend for her young son Larry)

- Larry initially wants to continue to go to his mother’s church, connection to his mother, loyalty ⇒ **family/peer group**
- church is the place where Wallace Stringfellow sees Larry for the first time

Example

Chapter 9, pp. 197/198: “‘But the first time I ever seen you?’ Wallace went on. ‘Was at church. Bout eleven years ago? Up at Dentonville? The Second Baptist? My momma’s boyfriend lived up there. [...] And sure enough, they’d just launched into the first song, and I hear the door open real quiet-like and shut and look over and there you are. I knowed it was you right off even though I hadn’t ever seen you. Way you come in. Way you wouldn’t look at nobody looking back at you. You’s wearing a suit and a tie. [...] I watched you the whole time, way you stood up and sung the songs, knew all the words, sat down and listened to the preacher, following his Bible verses in your Bible, closing your eyes in the prayer [...]’”

(Wallace remembering how he saw Larry for the first time)

- churches mostly segregated in Larry's and Silas's youth ⇒ **ethnicity**

Example

Chapter 3, p. 51: "The churches were still segregated if the schools weren't, and sometimes Larry wondered why grown-ups made the kids mingle when they themselves didn't."

(Larry's thoughts on segregation as a kid)

(Christian and traditional Hmong) Religion in *Gran Torino*

- Dorothy's wish for Walt to go to confession ⇒ **guilt/redemption**
- Walt's rejection of the hypocrisy of the church

Example

Setting 2:

Father Janovich: Right, Mr. Kowalski. Your wife and I became quite close these last few months. She asked that I watch over you when she passed on. I told her I watch out for my entire flock, but she made me promise I'd keep an extra sharp eye on you. [...] Dorothy mentioned specifically that it was her wish for you to go to confession. She said she couldn't remember the last time you went. [...]

Walt: Well, I confess I never much liked church and only went because of the wife. And I confess I have no desire to confess to a boy who is fresh out of the seminary.

(at Dorothy's funeral reception)

- Hmong shaman one of the first to sense Walt's troubled soul

Example

Setting 15:

Sue: Kor Khue says that you think you've been disrespected. You do not live your life. Your food has no flavor. You are scared of your past. You stopped living years and years ago. Kor Khue says you're not at peace.

(shaman reading Walt at party in Lor household)

- Father Janovich's development: from rather shallow, meaningless sermon to learning about life and death through Walt's example

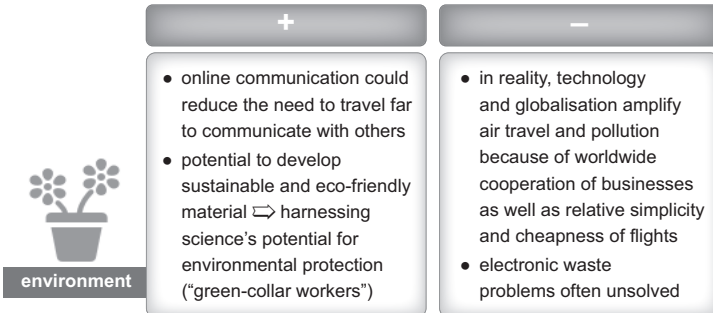
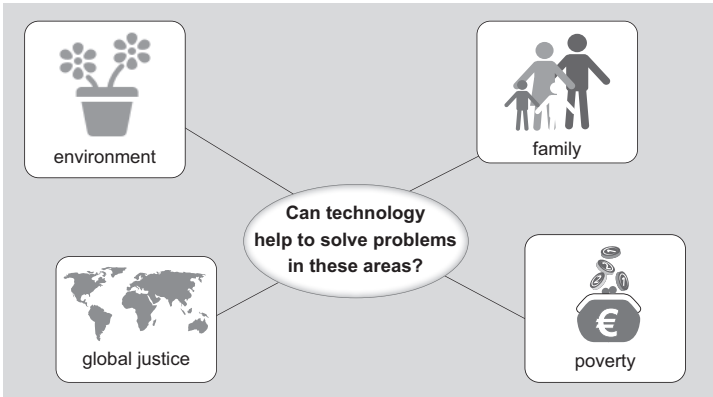
Example

Setting 32:

Father Janovich: Walt Kowalski once said to me I didn't know anything about life or death because 'I was an overeducated, 27-year-old virgin who held the hands of superstitious old women and promised them eternity.' Walt definitely had no problem 'calling it like he saw it.' But Walt was right. I knew really nothing about life or death until I got to know Walt. And boy, did I learn. (Walt's funeral)

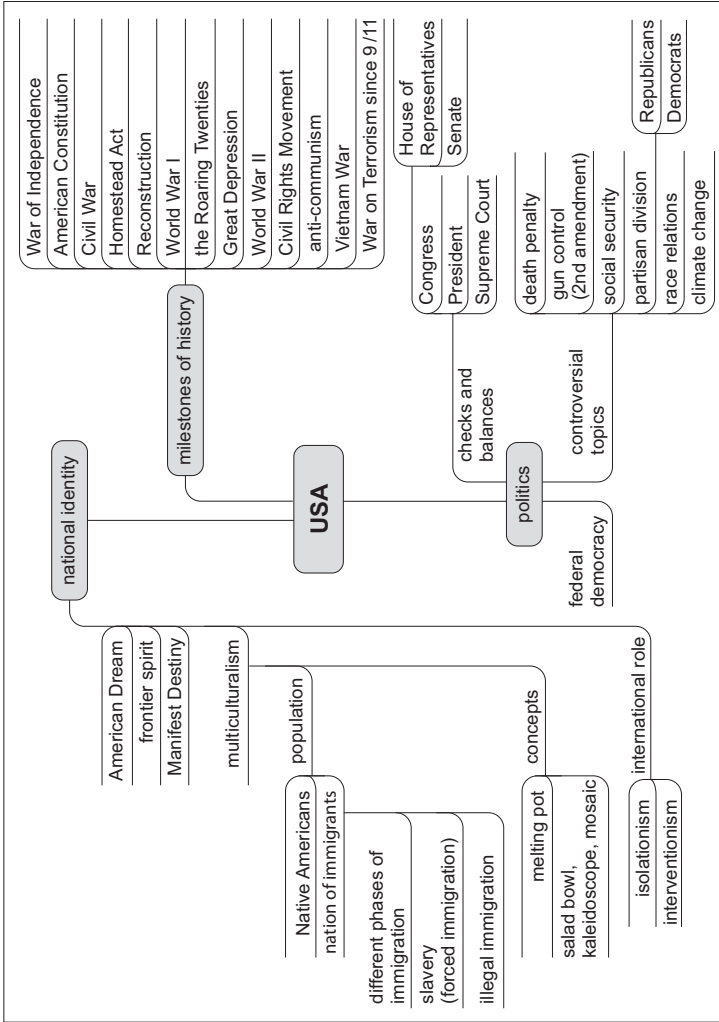
3 Technology for a better world?

The digitisation and digitalisation of the workplace have had a profound impact on different areas of society. The biggest challenge is to unlock their potential without falling prey to their dangers.



Anglo-American Culture and our Modern World

1 USA



4 Glossary of important terms

2nd amendment

The 2nd amendment to the ⇒ American Constitution was ratified as part of the **Bill of Rights** (the first ten amendments to the Constitution) on 15 December 1791. The Bill of Rights comprises laws concerned with **personal freedoms** and rights and was a reaction to people **fearing too much power of the federal government**. The 2nd amendment reads, “A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, **the right of the people to keep and bear arms** shall not be infringed.” For years, the question of whether the amendment was to be understood as an individual right of **gun possession** has been controversially discussed. This position was confirmed in a Supreme Court decision of 2008. Advocates of **stricter gun control** cite mass shootings as well as alarming numbers of gun-related deaths (according to statistics, there are more gun-related deaths in the USA on a day than in the UK in a year) as evidence of the dangers of individual gun possession. Accidents spur even more **safety concerns**. Furthermore, widespread gun ownership propagates a **culture of violence**, according to gun law proponents. Opponents of stricter gun control, however, see individual gun ownership as a sign of **personal freedom** and **democratisation**. According to them, individual gun ownership is essential for **self-defence** or successful **resistance to oppression**. The famous mantra of the **NRA**, the National Rifle Association, “The only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun”, summarises the non-profit organisation’s position in favour of individual gun ownership.

9/11

On 11 September 2001, the **single deadliest terrorist attack** in recent history occurred when terrorists hijacked four planes and crashed two of them into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in Manhattan, one into the Pentagon in Arlington Country in Virginia and one, which was actually intended to crash in Washington, D.C., in a field in Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 people were killed in the attack and more than



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