

## DEV 110 Sample Essay: Classification



### Types of Americans



Americans are unique. There is no other nation on earth so peculiar as ours. Our tastes, our hobbies, our very natures make us unique. Our uniqueness is caused by the different types of people that make up the American population. Basically, there are three types of Americans: the sports-oriented, the violence-oriented, and the sex-oriented.

Many Americans are sports nuts. They are seen almost every weekend rushing madly to athletic stadiums and wolfing down hot dogs and popcorn during every excitement-filled moment of the games they are watching. If they are not dashing to the stadium, they are sitting in front of their television sets, watching sporting events. These Americans, however, do not just watch sports -- they play them, too. They are out in the fields and streets of America, playing baseball, basketball, and football.

Sports like football, as well as wrestling and hockey, also attract Americans who love violence. These Americans glamorize the violence in sports. They relish a bruising tackle in football, a jarring body slam in wrestling, a lacerating check in hockey, and other violent athletic situations. There are also Americans who thrive on violence in the media. They enjoy newspapers and magazines that are dominated by articles on crimes, riots, and wars. Furthermore, they subscribe to such publications as Detective and True Confessions that highlight people's horrible experiences of rape and assault. On television they watch programs such as NYPD Blue, which often are filled with violence. This type of American is responsible for the violence that is shown on commercial television programs and that has filtered through most of the other entertainment available in the United States.

Besides liking violence, many Americans are interested in sex. Half of these Americans' days are spent enjoying sex propaganda. They turn their televisions on to relax and watch commercials with actors and actresses in swim suits that reveal all but a small portion of their bodies. They also hang on every suggestive word or scene in television shows such as Melrose Place and Baywatch. If television does not fill their sexual voids, they head for the nearest adult bookstore. Here they can find a varied array of X-rated magazines, porn movies, and even life-sized models to use as sexual stimulation. The ones who do not get enough enjoyment from the porn films in the book stores go to X-rated theaters where they can see longer versions of pornographic films. Films such as Deep Throat and The Candy Girls are very entertaining to sexually-oriented people. From porn films to dirty books to television to real life, sex has become a favorite form of entertainment for many Americans.

Without a doubt, Americans are a unique species. Their diversity is what makes the American population different from all others. It is hard to believe that a nation as young as the United States has as many peculiarities as it does.

## The Chronicle of Levis



How often does anyone ever stop to think about the life of a plain, ordinary pair of Levis? Mine seem to go through various phases in which they are completely different: from the new to the not so new and finally to the very old.

In their first stage, my Levis are brand new. I am very conscious of my new Levis when I wear them because they are usually very stiff and feel somewhat tight. They are also very crisp, and I can almost smell the newness of the unfaded, dark blue color. Somehow I feel very dressed up, like a soldier in his military blues, when I wear brand new Levis.

In their second stage, my Levis are beginning to loosen up and are starting to conform more to my body. The original dark, denim blue is a little lighter now. Although they no longer leave the wash water blue, they are still nice and bright. I have seen pictures of President Carter wearing his stage-two Levis; he must enjoy them as much as I do.

In their final days, my Levis have gotten almost white from lots of wear and repeated washings. Like a baby's cheek, they are soft to the touch, and they have become as comfortable as the proverbial old shoe. Even though they are very worn and have a few small holes, I like them best at this stage.

My Levis and I go through a lot together, and each stage serves a purpose. When I am a senior citizen, I will probably still be wearing them.