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The first thought that comes to my mind when I think of the United States is that the United States is the melting pot of the world. People of Norwegian, German, Irish, Chinese, Dutch, Scandinavian, Italian, Japanese, Jewish, Turkish and many other descents living under one flag and one government. All of them being given a free and equal chance to live, work and play as though racial difference was not of importance at all.

The first people who came here came because they wanted to live in a place where they could do as they pleased. Through all the hardships they faced and conquered, the result is the nation of today. With opportunities for all, no one can say he has no future. The ~~of~~ many prominent and wealthy people now living and also those who passed away are people of different nationalities. One can not distinguish them as being true Americans. Even with

distinct racial characteristics, the ability to succeed and overcome this difficulty will depend upon what and how you can do it and not on facial differences.

Although there is racial prejudice on minority races, it is up to the individual to erase or overcome this depressing thought. People will sometimes "judge a book by its cover", but this is not done by all.