Body Biography: What is an American?

Choose any 10-

Reference the views or experiences of “Americans” from the works we have read so far in 3-5 of your body parts.

Works we’ve read so far:

1. Veterans’ Day-McCain p. 6-7
2. I Hear America Singing- Whitman- p. 16
3. I, Too, Sing America- Hughes- p. 17
4. America and I- Yezierska- p. 19-26
5. What is an American- Crevecoeur p. 32-33

*\*\* We’ve talked about definition by exemplification, negation, classification, and function. Feel free to utilize these in your choices below.*

1. The head: How do they think about their country?
2. They eyes: How do they see their responsibility or identity as an American Citizen?
3. The Ears: What do Americans listen to? What shapes their world view?
4. The Shoulders: What weight do Americans carry? What do they worry about or feel responsible for?
5. Backbone / Spine: What motivates Americans? What are their primary life goals?
6. Midsection: What do Americans protect? This may be a vulnerability of some kind.
7. Hands: What do Americans hold? This can be literal or symbolic.
8. Fingerprints: How do they impact others or the greater world / planet?
9. Knees: What do Americans “kneel to”- to what authority to do they submit?
10. Heel: (Think Achilles’s Heel) What is a flaw or weakness of many Americans?
11. Feet: What do they stand on? What keeps them upright in times of trouble?
12. Background- literal or symbolic

