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American Way of Life and

the American Dream

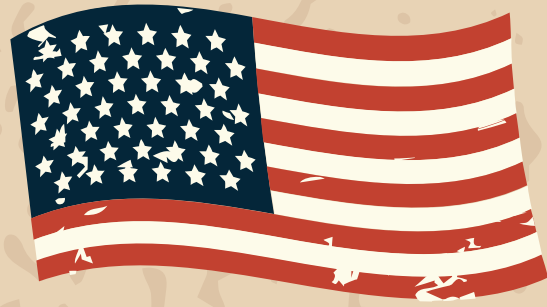


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Javier Vallina Samperio was born in the Americas and spent his childhood and adolescence in Manhattan, the main borough of New York City—specifically in the neighborhood known as Clinton, or “Hell’s Kitchen,” in the Midtown West area, very close to Times Square. He completed his primary and secondary education in schools within this neighborhood.

During this time, he was immersed in authentic American culture—particularly that of New York—throughout the 1960s and 1970s. He witnessed major historical and cultural events such as the assassination of President Kennedy, the rise of the hippie movement, the Vietnam War era, the Moon landing, and even the construction of the Twin Towers in New York. He also experienced a golden age of pop, rock, and funk music, as well as the boom of iconic comic books such as Superman, Batman, Spider-Man, and the Fantastic Four.

In the late 1970s, he moved to Spain with his family, where he completed his secondary education in Gijón. He later earned a degree in English Philology from the University of Oviedo. The following year, he began working as a professor of English Language and Literature at the same university. Soon after, he obtained his PhD with the highest distinction, “Summa Cum Laude,” specializing in American Literature and History.

He is currently still a professor at the University of Oviedo, where he has published numerous articles and delivered many lectures on topics related to American literature and history.

