Monument Valley is one of the most amazing places in the United States. There are fantastic rocks – or buttes – all over the valley, and some are as high as 300 metres! The valley is the home of the Navajo Native American tribe. The Navajo people are famous for their beautiful rugs, and they have made rugs in Monument Valley since the late 1800s.

The rugs have got beautiful geometric designs, and are made by hand. It takes about two months to make a rug, so they are very expensive. But if you haven’t got enough money, the Navajo people also make beautiful jewellery for tourists. After your visit to the Navajo rug makers, you can stay the night in a traditional Navajo house. Why not get up early in the morning and watch the sunrise. The buttes are red in the morning light. You will never forget it!
Leather work

A lot of people in the USA wear leather cowboy boots – from farmers to singers and film stars. Leather work is thousands of years old, but it became popular in America in the 1800s. Cowboys moved west across the USA, and needed strong leather boots, belts and leather saddles for their horses.

The first leather goods weren’t dyed, and they were yellow-brown in colour. But after a few months, the sun changed the colour of the leather into dark brown or red. Later, leather workers dyed the leather different colours and cut flower designs into it.

One of the best places to buy leather goods is at a rodeo: cowboys ride in competitions, bands play country music, and people sell cowboy food and clothes.
In the old cathedrals of Europe, magnificent stained glass windows tell stories from the Bible. People in Europe have made stained glass for over a thousand years. But it didn’t become popular in America until the late 1800s.

In 1875, an American painter called Louis Comfort Tiffany began to make beautiful stained glass windows instead of paintings. Tiffany made the windows from a lot of different layers of glass. This was a new technique and it created beautiful colours. People loved it.

Soon, rich people all around the USA wanted Tiffany stained glass windows for their houses. Tiffany made lots of other things too, like glass lamps and jewellery. He even made glass panels for the White House, in Washington.

Tiffany became very famous in America, and artists soon copied his style. Today, you can buy Tiffany-style glass in craft shops everywhere in the USA.