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In my opinion, the short phrase "America the Beautiful" is a powerful and beautiful term that has a deep meaning. When I hear this term, I think of America and what makes it so beautiful, its origins, and how it makes me feel. It makes me feel an immense sense of pride, joy, peace, and sometimes grief thinking about how much effort it took to get us to this point, the amount of soldiers who laid their lives down, the wars, all the hardships, and many more struggles. I mean what would beauty be without its flaws?

When I think about America being beautiful and this term, the first thing that comes to my mind is its physical features and nature; the pink, purple, and orange hues of sunsets, the foggy mist in the view of the mountains, the soft crashing of the ocean waves, these things that just make me stop and soak it all in, relishing the feeling of tranquility caused by these scenes. Though these things may contribute to it, America's beauty doesn't just lie within its landscapes and physical features. This beauty also comes from the ideals and values of America. When I take a step back and just think about it, America is so unique, something that contributes so much to its beauty and its meaning to me. For example, the diversity of populations, its unpredictable climate, the constitution and amendments that represent our ideals of freedom and equality, and all the rather peculiar things that we've come to know as our culture.

Another thing that comes to my mind when thinking about what the term "America the Beautiful" means to me are the soldiers in the military. I think about how hard they fight, how they lay their lives down everyday to fight for our country. I also think about how important the Constitution and amendments are, ensuring everyone in the U.S has rights of freedom of speech, expression, and religion. Though the phrase is so short, I feel like there's so much to unpack. There are a lot of things, people, and ideals that make America so beautiful. I can't think of all these things but there's more than I can even explain.

To me, the phrase "America the Beautiful" is everything that represents America and the beauty found in each of those things. This phrase, to me, means pride and peace.