**Introduction to The American Dream Unit**

Consider the excerpt from ch. 9 of *The Great Gatsby,* the questions from the Kevin Maggiacomo TED Talk, and "The Way to Rainy Mountain" prologue and answer the following questions:

1. How did the “texts” discuss the idea of a dream being part of a journey? What are some similar ideas you see across all three “texts”? (Support your response with textual evidence.)

2. In some ways journeys are physical, but how can a person also go on a mental journey?

3. What compels a person to embark on a journey? (Think of various motivations.)

4. What is a journey, whether physical or mental, you have been on (or perhaps are still on)?

5. What is/was your motivation for embarking on that journey?

6. What are some obstacles you faced/have faced along the way? (physical/mental; real/imagined; internal/external)