

American Dream Unit – Timed Essay Plan Sheet

Over the course of the unit, we have read multiple texts focused on the concept of the American Dream and its attainability. Considering the ideas presented by the various texts and authors, reflect upon your own understanding of what the American Dream is and whether it is attainable or unattainable. Use the plan sheet below to gather ideas.

<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>YOUR THINKING ABOUT THE AMERICAN DREAM</b>	<b>EVIDENCE FROM TEXTS THAT BEST ALIGNS WITH YOUR THINKING</b>	<b>EVIDENCE FROM TEXTS THAT CONTRADICTS YOUR THINKING</b>
Your definition of the American Dream			
What elements/characteristics are inherent in the American Dream? Think of elements or characteristics that were common across texts. How do these elements/characteristics factor into your definition of the American Dream?			

What are some obstacles to achieving the American Dream?			
Ultimately, is the dream attainable or unattainable? Why?			

Compose a thesis statement that identifies your main claim and incorporates the major points you will discuss. The thesis statement should be one well-written sentence. Thesis Statement: