

Proof of Research

On May 14th, you are asked to turn in quotes from the reading you have done in class. Here is what I am looking for.

Answer the following questions at the top of your notes:

1. Off the top of your head, what are you most interested in researching/discovering when it comes to The American Dream?
2. Right now, what is your “working definition” of The American Dream”?

With each quote: Provide the source (as specific as possible, so you can find your way back to it), context, the quote (or quick summary), and your analysis and insight.

<p>1. Source: <u>The European Dream: How Europe’s Vision of the Future is Quietly Eclipsing the American Dream</u>, Chapter 1, Rifkin, (paragraph 2)</p> <p>Context: Talking about his mother’s attitude about America</p>	<p>Quote: “‘Believe in yourself,’ she would say, ‘and you will be able to move mountains.’ Of course, for my mom’s generation, still close to America’s frontier past, all or this just seemed to make common sense. (12)”</p> <p>Analysis/insights: --I think of my grandma’s life journey. --Raised in Kansas. --Survived the dust bowl --Became a teacher --Was pen pals with my grandpa --He went to college on the GI Bill, and they accomplished the classic American dream --I also think of the changes (college is way more expensive, harder to buy a house. . .) --The people “running the show” may not have enough compassion for those who are working really hard, yet cannot attain “The American Dream”</p>
<p>1. Source: <u>The European Dream: How Europe’s Vision of the Future is Quietly Eclipsing the American Dream</u>, chapter 1, p. 13</p> <p>Context: Talking about the international awareness of “The Dream”</p>	<p>Quote: “The term has become so well know that in most languages people refer to it in English vernacular”</p> <p>Analysis: This concept is so well known that in India, Mexico or Japan, someone can say “American Dream” and</p>

	<p>know exactly what that looks like. Super interesting.</p>
<p>2. Source: <u>The European Dream: How Europe's Vision of the Future is Quietly Eclipsing the American Dream</u>, chapter 1, pages 31-32 Context: Discussing the fact that Americans are fine using violence (use the statistics)</p>	<p>Quote: See the facts and figures and/or summarize Analysis: There is definitely something to be said for the level of violence in America. This has always fascinated me. How can a developed country be so very, very violent. Especially compared to Canada and/or Europe. They have guns, they have anger—why are Americans willing to “to put a lot more on the line than Canadians to achieve their version of the American Dream? It makes me wonder if as a country we have started to become entitled and if that is wrapped up in our concept of what we should have.</p>