

The American Dream

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Your American Dream

Reflection Activity

The American Dream looks different for everyone. Some people dream of stable jobs and homes, some people dream of fame and fortune, and some dream of a place where they can safely and fully be themselves.

Reflection: What does the American Dream mean to you? What are your hopes, concerns, and aspirations for the community where you live? For the nation? Do you think your definition of the American Dream is attainable? Why or why not?

Write your thoughts about the American Dream here:

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Expressing Your Dream: Artistic expression is a way for people to represent their dreams, hopes, fears, and aspirations. Below are examples of different types of artistic expression. Choose a form of expression for your American Dream from the list or come up with your own idea. Then use the four-part organizer to outline your artistic vision.

Forms of Artistic Expression

- **Visual art**
- **Musical composition**
- **Song lyrics**
- **Playlist**
- **Poetry**
- **Spoken Word**
- **Speech**
- **Debate**
- **Dance**
- **Play/Skit**
- **PowerPoint deck**
- **Magazine article**

I will express my American Dream through _____

1. What am I trying to communicate?

2. What materials will I need?

3. Who is my audience?

4. What is my first step?