

Pre-test – What the American Dream IS and IS NOT

Criteria: Students will be given a list of ten statements. Based on what they have heard about the concept of the American Dream, they will write a “Y” if the statement accurately depicts and represents their idea of the American Dream, and a “N” if the statement does NOT represent their idea of the American Dream. The results from this pre-test will be tallied and discussed as a whole-class activity.

Standards Addressed:

Apply word analysis and vocabulary skills to comprehend selections (C)

Listen effectively in formal and informal situations (C)

Speak effectively using language appropriate language and audience (C)

Demonstrate the ability to raise insight within a group (P)

Demonstrate the ability to ask insightful questions (P)

Demonstrate the ability to ask effective questions that encourage thought and subject growth (P)

Demonstrate effective formal/informal presentation skills (P)

AMERICAN DREAM PRE-TEST

1. LIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM MEANS THAT YOU HAVE LOTS OF MONEY.
2. MOST CELEBRITIES ARE LIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM.
3. MOST TEACHERS ARE LIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM.
4. THE AMERICAN DREAM IS SYMBOLIZED BY LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.
5. THE AMERICAN DREAM IS A COMMON THEME IN NOVELS.
6. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A FAMILY, YOU CAN'T BE LIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM.
7. EVERYONE, IN SOME WAY OR ANOTHER, IS PURSUING SOME ASPECT OF THE AMERICAN DREAM.
8. PEOPLE CAN AND HAVE GOTTEN INTO TROUBLE BY PURSUING THE AMERICAN DREAM.
9. MANY SONGS/MUSICAL LYRICS ARE ABOUT LIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM.
10. THE AMERICAN DREAM IS A RELATIVELY NEW IDEA.