

American Culture Research Paper

Prompt

Merriam-Webster gives the following agreed-upon definition of the “American dream”: a happy way of living that is thought of by many Americans as something that can be achieved by anyone in the United States of America, especially by working hard and becoming successful. With good jobs, a nice house, two children, and plenty of money, they believed they were living the American dream.

In a well-developed essay, develop an argument that defends in what decade you believe the American Dream was most achievable for the average American. You will need to define what the “average” American is in order to argue your point, as well as address counterarguments that eliminate why the Dream was less attainable in (an)other decade(s).

Objectives

- Research Process
 - find credible sources & use the databases
 - read and annotate a text for information
 - paraphrase information from a text
 - summarize and evaluate the credibility of a text
 - cite sources using MLA guidelines
- Research Writing and Drafting
 - craft an engaging introduction
 - develop a clear, arguable thesis
 - outline to synthesize information from a variety of sources
 - embed quotations
 - develop warrants that illustrate how the evidence supports the claims
 - craft a persuasive conclusion
 - cite sources parenthetically using MLA guidelines

Basic Requirements

1. annotated articles
2. Annotated Bibliography
3. detailed outline
4. rough draft with Works Cited
5. final draft according to MLA guidelines
 - *at least* 3 body paragraphs
 - *at least* 8 pieces of evidence
 - *at least* 5 sources
 - submitted to turnitin.com

Deadlines

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| Mar 11 | eight (8) annotated articles |
| Mar 14 | Annotated Bibliography (submitted to turnitin.com) |
| Mar 28 | detailed outline |
| Apr 4 | rough draft with Works Cited |
| Apr 8 | final draft according to MLA guidelines (submitted to turnitin.com) |