

AMERICAN DREAM ESSAY

Quote: “If you don’t know where you’re going, you’ll never get there.”

Introduction: Many Americans traveled great distances, suffered great hardships, and even gave up their lives to create and preserve something called “The American Dream.” Even though the definition of the American Dream varies from person to person, it is a vital part of being American. For some it means financial security and success. For others it means equality and religious freedom. The great thing about the American Dream is that it is both *universal* and *personal*. Think about some of your goals for the future and consider how they fit into *your* idea of the American Dream.



Assignment: Write a paper describing three post-high-school goals, which you plan to accomplish and also embody *your* idea of the American Dream. These can be immediate or long-range goals. These goals could be personal, professional, or spiritual. (At least one of your goals must be professional, such as what career you hope to enter.)

With each goal explain specific steps that you plan to take to make your goal successful. For example, if one of your goals is to have a family, be specific about what type of family you plan to have. What will your family value? When you write about a future career, mention where you plan to attend college or gain the technical training necessary for the career.

With each goal remember to mention the *why* behind it. If you want to be a lawyer, tell *why* you want to be a lawyer. If you want to own your own lake house, live in Hawaii, or just stay in your hometown, tell *why*.

At least three goals (described in-depth) are required for the paper, but more can be included. Just make sure that each goal is described in detail. A boring list of thirty different goals will not make a good paper!

Thesis: “Three post-high-school goals that embody my idea of the American Dream are...”

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