

Essay Prompts on American Dream

How does the pursuit of the American Dream shape characters' identities?

Select a literary work and explore how the American Dream influences the protagonist's values, decisions, and sense of self. Does this pursuit lead to fulfillment or disillusionment?

To what extent is the American Dream portrayed as an illusion in literature?

Analyze how a specific work (or multiple works) depict the American Dream as unattainable or fundamentally flawed. What literary devices does the author use to communicate this illusion?

How does socioeconomic status affect access to the American Dream in literature?

Discuss how a character's class or background influences their chances of achieving the American Dream.

Explore how the American Dream is tied to materialism in a literary work.

Does the author critique the association between wealth and happiness? Use examples from the text to show how materialism impacts characters' lives and relationships.