

Magazine Picture – How/Why is this picture depicting the American Dream in today’s society?

Criteria: Before we start learning about the American Dream and discussing its implications in class, I want you to determine what you already know (or think you know) about the American Dream. I want you to look through any magazine you may have at your house and choose one picture that you believe demonstrates the author’s/illustrator’s view of the American Dream. On a separate sheet of paper, please list a few reasons why you chose this article and how it defines your idea of the American Dream.

Standards Addressed:

Read and interpret a variety of literary works (C)

Comprehend a broad range of reading materials (C)

Demonstrate the ability to ask insightful questions (P)

10 – Excellent Picture & Response

- Student chooses picture from magazine or newspaper
- Picture is complex and intriguing
- Picture is aesthetically pleasing to the viewer
- Student provides at least five reasons for choosing picture
- Students provides at least five reasons as to why they think picture represents the Dream

5 – Adequate Picture & Response

- Student chooses picture from internet
- Picture is dull and somewhat boring
- Little evidence of the Dream is outwardly present in the picture
- Student provides three Reasons for choosing the picture
- Student provides three reasons as to why they think this picture represents the American Dream

1 – Poor Picture & Response/No Attempt

- Student chooses a picture last minute from a non-reliable source
- Picture is very dull and boring
- No evidence of the American Dream is outwardly present in the picture
- Student neglects to provide any reasons for choosing the picture
- Students neglects to give reasons as to how they think their picture represents the Dream