

To what extent is the American Dream still attainable today?

Due by Friday 2/28

TASK: Take and defend a position answering the question above, in a 3-4 page typed written response, in which you:

- a) Define the concept of the American Dream, and the extent to which that definition has changed or means different things to different people
- b) Discuss why President Obama believes the Dream is threatened
- c) Explain various solutions proposed by Obama to help restore the Dream
- d) Evaluate the extent to which YOU believe the American Dream is still attainable today (thereby agreeing or disagreeing with the President)

Your paper **MUST** be drawn from/utilize the following sources ONLY—this is NOT a research paper!! Consider this a DBQ essay, using the following “documents”:

2014 State of the Union Address 1/28/14

NPR interview: Obama and the American Dream 5/30/12

Obama speech on Economic Mobility 12/4/13

James Truslow Adams quote (1931)

Personal interviews addressing the American Dream

****Although you will be discussing YOUR opinion, the paper should NOT be written in the first person!**

****Please include internal MLA citations and sources cited page.**