

**To what extent is the American Dream still attainable today?**

**IN CLASS ESSAY TUESDAY 2/25**

TASK: *Take and defend a position answering the question above, 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 at least 1 solution 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** utilize the following sources **ONLY**—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!**

**\*\*You MAY have an outline, plus any of the sources printed out for use/reference. PREPARE AHEAD!!**