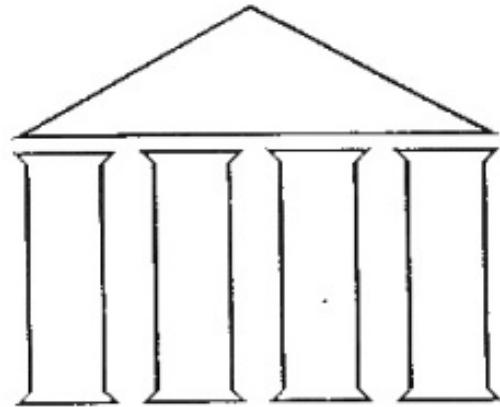


WHAT IS TODAY'S UNIVERSAL CONCEPT:

# THE AMERICAN DREAM



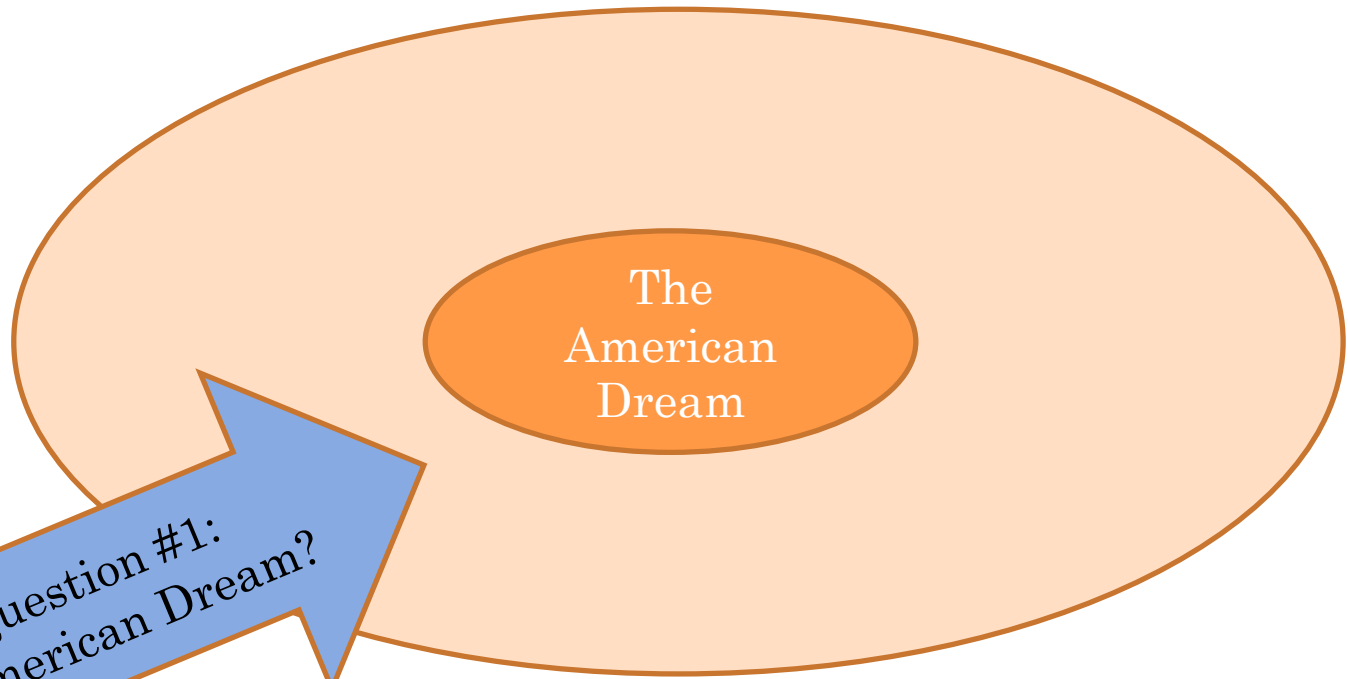
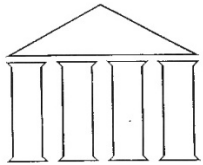


STRATEGY FOCUS #2:  
ACCESSING THEMATIC ESSENTIAL  
QUESTIONS THROUGH

# ROUNDTABLE

WRITING AND SPEAKING TO LEARN OPPORTUNITY:  
**THINK-WRITE-PAIR-SHARE &  
THINKING MAPS**

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Essential Question #1:  
What is the American Dream?







# ESSENTIAL THEMATIC QUESTIONS ROUNDTABLE

- As a team, read through the provided list of Essential Questions (grouped by topic).
- Select one question from the list and discuss, using real-world examples, personal observations/experiences, literature, historical events, etc.
- As you discuss, jot down ideas on your team's quadrant placemat, using sentences, words, diagrams, and/or pictures.
- Be prepared to share out your team's question and ideas using Numbered Heads!

Let's FISHBOWL first...



## TODAY'S THEMATIC ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS...

1. What is the **American Dream**  
2. Is the American Dream an **illusion or a reality** in today's society? **???** 
3. Do all Americans have **access** to the American Dream?  **???**
4. What are the **qualities and conditions** required for someone to achieve their American Dream?



# REFLECTION

- What is the American Dream?
- What associations do you have with the American Dream? Explain your experiences with detail.
- What can the American Dream symbolize? Why?
- How do your ideas on the American Dream differ from those of your parents or grandparents?



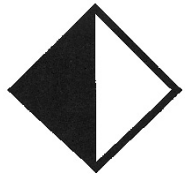
# GROUND RULES FOR **FOUR CORNERS**

- Scholars will formulate an opinion on a given statement and provide written rationale (Post-its!).
- Scholars will move to pre-designated “Four Corners” and discuss the rationale for their opinion with other students who share their opinion.
- Scholars will share out their opinions and reasons with their classmates.

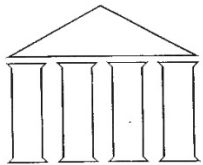
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# WRITING AND SPEAKING TO LEARN OPPORTUNITY: FOUR CORNERS



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Essential Question #2: Is the American Dream an illusion or a reality in today's society?

FOUR CORNERS:  
THE AMERICAN DREAM IS AN  
ILLUSION IN TODAY'S SOCIETY.

*STRONGLY AGREE*  
*AGREE*  
*DISAGREE*  
*STRONGLY DISAGREE*



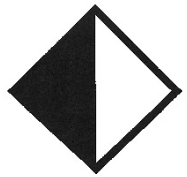
# GROUND RULES FOR PHILOSOPHICAL CHAIRS

- Depending on your opinion, stand on the pre-determined side of the room.
- If undecided, stay in the neutral zone (for a **limited** amount of time) so that you can see both sides.
- Address your fellow scholars by first name.
- Briefly summarize the previous speaker's points before stating your own position and supporting evidence.
- Think before you speak and organize your thoughts (“I have three points to make...first...”).
- After speaking, wait until at least two other students speak (from your side!) before speaking again.
- Speak in turn and respect others while they share.
- Address the ideas, not the person.

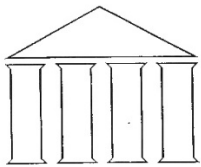
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# SPEAKING AND WRITING TO LEARN OPPORTUNITY: PHILOSOPHICAL CHAIRS



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Essential Question #3:  
Do all Americans have access  
to the American Dream?

Philosophical Chairs:

ALL AMERICANS HAVE  
ACCESS TO THE  
AMERICAN DREAM.

Provide evidence to  
support your position.



## PHILOSOPHICAL CHAIRS ASSESSMENT STRATEGY: TICKET-OUT-THE-DOOR

- How many times did you **contribute** to the philosophical dialogue?
- What was the most **convincing argument** you heard during the activity? What made this argument so **persuasive**?
- Did your opinion on the topic **change**? **Why or why not?**
  - Provide specific evidence from the activity to support why your thinking changed or stayed the same.

