Summer Bridges
English / Language Arts
Grade 10 into Grade 11

One of the main themes in English 11 is the idea of the American Dream. Your summer assignment will ask you to explore what the American dream is and to give multiple examples.

**Task One: Research**
Read the following texts on the American Dream. In a well-composed, 5-paragraph essay, answer the following question:

What is the American Dream, and is it possible for every person to achieve it? Cite examples from the texts below in your response.

Text One: [https://newsela.com/read/lib-what-is-american-dream/id/31149/](https://newsela.com/read/lib-what-is-american-dream/id/31149/)
Text Two: [https://newsela.com/read/lib-history-civil-rights-1940s-1950s/id/30134/](https://newsela.com/read/lib-history-civil-rights-1940s-1950s/id/30134/)

**Task Two: Chart**
You are to find examples of people living the American dream over the course of different time periods. For this task, create a chart similar to the one below, or fill in the blanks. For each time period, please include a source to credit where your information was found. Write your summaries in your own words.

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<th>1920s</th>
<th>1980s</th>
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<td>Summarize what the American Dream resembled in each time period.</td>
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Task Three: Visual
Create a visual image of what the American dream means to you. Your image can be a drawing, a collage, a 3D representation, etc. Include an explanation of how the image you’ve created represents your idea of the American Dream.

Example:

Your visual representation goes here.

Your explanation goes here.

Please submit all work to your English 11 teacher via Google Drive or on paper.