



Bayonne Public Schools

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Summer Literacy Program: Building Bridges to Success ***Students entering 11th Grade***

The Bayonne School District is committed to setting high standards for student achievement and providing optimum learning opportunities. Continuous reading raises achievement, and research shows that students who read over the summer build comprehension skills. Below you will find the optional extra credit assignment for students entering eleventh grade in September.

- The assignment is due ***September 25, 2023***.
- Students can earn up to ten points for completing this assignment, which will be added to the score of a summative assessment during Marking Period 1.

PART ONE: Theme Collage

One of the major themes found in the English 11 curriculum is the idea of the American Dream. Your assignment is to create a **poster or collage** that answers the question: What is the American Dream? For this assignment you can create a poster or digital collage using Google Draw. Please include the following information on your collage/poster:

- Your own definition of the American Dream
- At least five images related to the American Dream
- Two quotations from an author, historian, or famous figure related to the American Dream.

PART TWO: Informational Text

Read the Commonlit article “American Dream Faces Harsh New Reality” (<https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/american-dream-faces-harsh-new-reality>) and choose **one of the two** assignments below to fulfill part two of your summer assignment.

Option one: Using a Google Doc or Google Slides, create a list of at least five American values. Explain why you chose each value, and how each is important to the growth of America. Finally research one famous figure and explain how he/she embodies or embodied these American values.

Option two: Using a Google Doc or Google Slides, create a soundtrack that is related to the article and overall idea of the American Dream. Each song should help to answer the question: What is the American Dream? Choose at least five songs to include on your “American Dream Soundtrack” and for each song include the following information:

- The song title and author
- Explanation of why you chose this song and how it relates to the idea of the American Dream
- Cite one line from the song and explain how the songwriter depicts America

Kindly note that this information will also be posted on the Bayonne Board of Education website, www.bboed.org.