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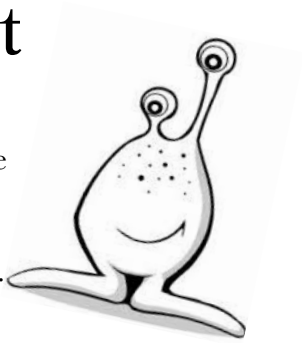
American Dream Individual Project



Context

You are an alien exploring far from home. After landing in the United States, you are trying to understand its inhabitants and their lifestyles. Time after time, you have encountered the phrase, "The American Dream" and have decided to explore its meaning, application, and impact on the American society, psyche, and relationships.

Objective

Your goal is to explain to your superiors how Americans use the American Dream to structure their lives. You have read a quality novel (the fiction choice) for pre-course reading that exemplifies people striving for the American Dream, sometimes struggling, sometimes failing, but mostly succeeding in their endeavors. Using this extended text, two of the unit's short texts, your interviews of American adults, and any other examples you deem pertinent, you will present your findings and conclusions to your commanders.

Requirements

1. You must take on the persona of an alien intent on proving to his/her bosses that his/her explorations are important.
2. You must fully, clearly, and effectively detail the American Dream's meaning, application, and impact on the American society, psyche, and relationships.
3. Using predominantly the extended fiction text you read for pre-course reading as well as two of the unit's short texts, your interviews of real American adults, and any examples you deem pertinent, you must present your findings and conclusions to a commander whose standards rise higher than those of mere Earthlings.
4. Drawing significantly from the major work (the pre-course reading) and pulling its supports from throughout the text, you must quote important portions of the three texts and your interviews. Follow MLA format
5. You may take up to five minutes to present your findings. Because others must also present their findings, your commander cannot tolerate your using any more time. You must present your superior with a correctly formatted MLA Works Cited that includes the three texts, your interviews, and other resources.
6. Because some of your home planet peers require visual representation to fully understand a concept, you must effectively and creatively provide images to encourage their understanding.

Reminder

Score yourself using the rubric so that you ensure that you fully fulfill the requirements and expectations.