

English 3 Honors Summer Work for 2019-2020

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Assignment #1 | Due: First day of class

Choose and read **one** of the following memoirs:

1. *The Color of Water* by James McBride
2. *Americanized* by Sara Saedi
3. *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore
4. *The Glass Castle* Jeannette Walls

Be ready the 1st day of class to take a reading accountability assessment.

- Since you may also be using this memoir as a source for your eventual essay, you will create an annotation chart for each $\frac{1}{3}$ of the book. You can break the book up by pages numbers or using natural shifts in themes or plots. **You will create THREE ANNOTATION CHARTS for your book of choice.** Below is an example chart with all of the information you must include. You will have 3 charts total for the whole book- you can recreate the chart electronically or on paper.
- You will turn these charts in right before the reading test!

<p>FIVE connections to the American Dream:</p>	<p>Five Questions you have about the text?</p>
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Who:</p> <p>What:</p> <p>How:</p> <p>Why:</p>	<p>How is the character impacted by the American Dream? By their circumstances? Is the dream attainable for the author?</p>

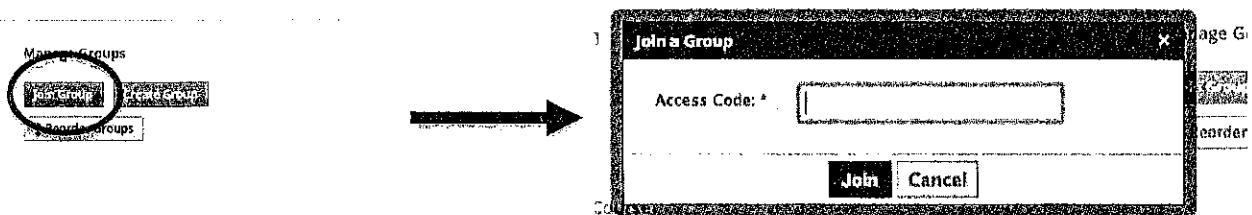
Assignment #2 | Due: Third day of class

A PDF with multiple American Dream texts is located under “Resources” in the Schoology group “2019 English 3H Summer Work” (access code: **XTRJM-XZB8B**). Please print this out for annotating. If you need a printed copy, please stop by Ms. Elrod’s or Mrs. Nealy’s room before final exams to request one.

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The essay you will eventually write once back at school using one of the following prompts:

1. Is the American Dream still worth pursuing?
2. Is the American Dream more likely to inspire us or destroy us?
3. Describe the American Dream in one or two words as you understand it.
4. Is the American Dream equally achievable for all?

Keep this in mind as you annotate and read the packet and your self selected novel. **Be sure you do your own work; this is not a group assignment!**

- As you read each text in the PDF packet, circle or highlight (**at least 3 per page**) moments that reveal something important about the American Dream. **Look for moments that move beyond just defining the Dream and start answering how and why questions.** (Ex: If you notice that the Dream keeps connecting back to home ownership, look for evidence that explores why owning a home is so important.)
- Draw an arrow from each moment to the marginal note you make. These annotations should be done by hand, not typed!

Some guiding questions to use as you annotate are:

What do you understand about the American Dream from this section?

Can you put the section into your own words?

What connections can you make with the text and the American Dream?

How does this interpretation of the American Dream differ from your understanding?

What is the overall message regarding the American Dream here?