

## American Lit Socratic Seminar Make-Up

### Instructions:

- If you were absent (excused absence) or unprepared (no entry ticket) for the Socratic Seminar, you must answer all 4 questions
  - As an excused absentee, you can receive up to full credit
  - If your absence is unexcused, you can receive up to 15/20
  - As an observer (unprepared for a day), you can receive up to 15/20
- If you are writing a reflection to supplement your oral contribution, choose two questions to answer. (1 from each section)
  - If you spoke 1-2 times and made quality comments, you can receive up to full credit
  - If you didn't speak at all (but still had your entry ticket), you can receive up to 15/20

**Remember:** specific textual evidence, hypothetical situations, personal experience, and current events are all useful to make your answers thorough and precise.

### Section 1: "What do we need to learn to be a successful American in this modern world?"

1. Historically in America, what are some definitions or visions of success? Cite at least two historical examples, clarifying the time period from which each vision of success originates.
2. By comparison, what does success typically look like in America today? Where do we find some divisions in opinions on this subject? Why are those divisions significant?

### Section 2: "What do you see as your role in creating or maintaining a more ideal America?"

1. What does your ideal America look like? (Offer a fairly thorough overview or go into depth on one particular aspect.)
2. What can you personally do to not only work towards that ideal but also to convince other Gen Zers to work towards that ideal, as well?