



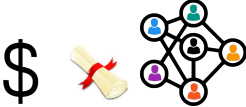


Year-Long US History Vocabulary List

Year-long Essential Questions:

1. What is the American Dream?
2. Who has benefited and who has suffered from the idea of the American Dream? How? To what extent?

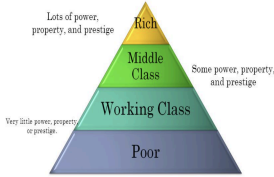






The American Dream	
Class Definition The American Dream is the idea that freedom, wealth, safety, and happiness are available to people in America who work hard.	Image

Important Concepts

Word	IMAGE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE	Impact (why the concept is important)
race (n) racial (adj)		A socially constructed category based mostly on skin color and other physical features	White, black, biracial, South Asian, Latino	
ethnicity (n) ethnic (adj)		A shared cultural background in a group of people	Italian-American Chicano/a African American Zulu Cherokee	
culture (n) cultural (adj)		The way of life (symbols, language, beliefs, values, rituals, and artifacts) shared by a social group		
social class (n) socioeconomic (adj)		A person's position in society based on social, educational, and economic status	Upper class Wealthy elite Working class	
gender (n)		A socially constructed category based on ideas of masculinity and femininity	Male, female, agender, genderqueer, etc.	
institution institutional (adj)		An organization or system that exists in society	School system, criminal justice system, bank	

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hierarchy (n) hierarchical (adj)		A system of organization in which people or groups are ranked one above the other according to status or power.		
oppression (n) To oppress (v) oppressed (adj)		When powerful groups in a society create systems that benefit themselves and disadvantage groups with less power		
racism (n) racist (adj)		The oppression of a racial group to the social, economic, and political advantage of the race with power in a society.		
capitalism (n) capitalist (adj)		An economic system based on the individual ownership of resources	Jeff Bezos owns 177 billion dollars of private wealth.	
democracy (n) democratic (adj)		A system of government where people vote to make decisions		
wealth (n) (wealthy)		The total value of what someone <u>owns</u> minus the money they <u>owe</u>		
nativism (n) nativist (adj)		The idea of protecting citizens of a country from immigrants and immigration		
resistance to resist		To fight back against something		
agency		The ability of people to act and make decisions as individuals, even in difficult situations	Many enslaved black people demonstrated their agency by trying to escape from slavery.	