**English 1020 Essay II: Definition**

**15% OF FINAL GRADE**

**Length: three full pages, double-spaced, MLA format, Times New Roman 12 pt.**

**At least two sources required**

**Works cited page required**

**Rough draft due: Thursday, October 21, before class**

**(in the dropbox and emailed to your group members through D2L)**

**Critiques should be finished for workshop on Tuesday, October 26**

***DO NOT SEND CRITIQUES TO GROUP MEMBERS AND MY***

***DROPBOX UNTIL AFTER WORKSHOP IS COMPLETED***

**Final draft due: Thursday, October 28, before class, in the dropbox**

In your research for this assignment, find essays or book chapters by two writers who have defined the American dream, then write your own workable definition as a response. Keep in mind that you may want to use your definition in the research paper later in the semester. **Of particular importance on this assignment: demonstrate you can employ the “yes, no, okay—but” approach, and that you can properly frame your sources. The following grading criteria will also apply.**

Criteria for evaluating your essay:

--Did you fully summarize the ideas of your sources?

--Are your sources properly framed?

--Are you fair and respectful in your treatment of your sources?

--Did you agree, disagree, or do both in your response to sources?

--Is your definition of the American dream complete and thoughtful?

--Are paragraphs adequately developed?

--Is the paper well-organized?

--Does the essay employ elements of logos, ethos, and pathos?

--Is there evidence of attention to language, especially verbs?

--Do you make it clear to your reader why defining the American dream is important, and why your particular definition matters?

--Does the essay contain basic errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling?