

	The American Dream Quarter III, year 8	Written Homework	Reading Homework
2.3.	<p>Course intro: Course folder: Use a thin A4 folder and collect all your texts and reflections. Always have your course folder ready in class. Task 1 and page 1 in your folder: Write a spontaneous reflection (10 min freewriting) about “What makes a man happy?”</p> <p>Listening comp: I have a dream</p> <p>Working with poetry</p>	<p>Essay: What happens to a dream deferred? Write a 5§ essay explaining the recent developments in the Arab world.</p> <p>Start your essay like this: Title: What happens to a dream deferred? In the poem „Harlem“ Langston Hughes has warned the world of the explosive power of unfulfilled dreams. While the poet was originally referring to the oppression of Blacks in the United States, we are now watching a similarly explosive situation in the Arab world... Write about 300-350 words. Plan your essay before you start writing!!! Make sure each paragraph has a clear topic sentence. Use appropriate link-words. (10pts)</p>	<p>Read: St. Jean de Crèvecoeur: “What is an American?” Mark interesting passages and be prepared to present the text in class.</p>
9.3.	<p>Discuss: Crèvecoeur, “What is an American?” and Ginsberg; “A Supermarket in California”</p> <p>”</p>	<p>Letter to the editor: Imagine a disillusioned, angry man/woman (similar to Allen Ginsberg) is writing a letter to the editor of Newsweek. He/she complains about the bad quality of life and low standards in society. Choose 2-3 aspects from the poem and write the letter. This letter does not need to reflect your own opinion, but it should be plausible!!! Title: Quo Vadis, America? Write about 150 words. (10pts)</p>	<p>Read Fitzgerald, “Winter Dreams” and the extract from Sinclair Lewis, “Babbitt” and mark interesting passages. Concentrate mainly on the main characters’ dreams. What are their dreams? Can they be fulfilled in the story? Do you share these dreams? How important are they? Have they come true in American society?</p>
16.3.	No class, in-service day	<p>Girls: Write a summary of the story “Winter Dreams”. Write exactly 200 words and try to stuff in as much information as possible. Boys: Write a summary of <i>Babbitt</i> (<i>chapter 1</i>) Write exactly 200 words and try to stuff in as much information as possible. (10pts)</p>	<p>Read Gary Soto, “Looking for Work” Mark interesting passages and be prepared to present the story in class.</p>
23.3.	Discuss the dreams in “Winter Dreams” and “Babbitt” and “Looking for Work”	<p>Glitz and Glamour: Do they make us happy? Write an opinion essay explaining your views on this matter. Does money make us happy? How much do we need? What else contributes to a happy life? Make a crystal-clear plan! You need a thesis statement, 3 topic sentences and a conclusion BEFORE you start writing. In your final version mark these sentences in COLOR!!! Essays without these elements will not be accepted. (10pts)</p>	<p>Read “In the Belly of the Beast” and “The Muscle Mystique” and mark interesting passages. Be prepared to present the texts in class.</p>

30.3.	Listening practice: “Send the Marines” and other samples Discuss the dreams and aspirations in Kingsolver, “In the Belly of the Beast” Kingsolver, “The Muscle Mystique”	Revise your texts carefully	Practice for the test: Make sure you have read all the stories carefully.
6.4.	Test: 3 hour test: Writing: article/ report /letter /narrative (2 texts) Listening and/or Reading Comp and/or Language in Use	Prepare an A5 sheet with notes about the role of American football, baseball and golf. (keywords)	Read “Sport and the American Dream” and “That Lean and Hungry Look” and mark interesting passages. Be prepared to present the texts in class.
13.4.	Discuss: Schrank, “Sport and the American Dream” and Britt, “That Lean and Hungry Look”	Write a short article for an international youth magazine about the “Lean and Hungry Look” In your article <ul style="list-style-type: none"> warn your readers of the dangers of this trend discuss the role of the media and fashion industry and suggest ways out of this unhealthy trend. Your article must be about 300 – 350 words long. (10pts)	
	Easter Holidays	Finish your special topic and hand it in by the 27th of April.	
27.4.	Practice for the final exams: letter writing and CVs		Write a CV and cover letter for one of the ads. (see task in your package)
4.5..	Writing practice for final exams		
11.5.	Practice for the final exams, rounding up the year.		

Assessment:

3-hour Test	50 P
Written texts (homework)	40 P (you can skip one of the 5 texts if you want to)
Participation in class discussions, Oral presentations and understanding of the text samples	10

