



Essential Questions and Culminating Performance Task
Analyzing the American Dream

Project Description

In a group of 3-4 students you will create a PowerPoint presentation which uses your original photographs, graphs from data you collect yourselves, and your best public speaking skills in order to answer the unit’s essential questions and prove you have met the learning objectives. A further challenge for your group is to identify community members to whom your findings would be valuable and to share it with them.

Essential Questions

1. What is the **past**, **present**, and **future** of the American Dream in Los Angeles?
2. What **variables** contribute to the achievement of the American Dream?
3. What **obstacles** are there to achieving the American Dream?
4. How has the American Dream shaped the **growth of the city** of Los Angeles?
5. How is it possible or even desirable to **fulfill** the American Dream in Los Angeles?

Learning Objectives

English	Science	Math	History & Geography
1. Deliver clear multi-media presentations. 2. Combine text, images, and sounds and draw information from many sources. 3. Use media skillfully, editing appropriately, and monitoring for quality. 4. Test the audience’s response and revise the presentation accordingly.	5. Select and use appropriate technologies to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. collect data b. analyze relationships c. display data 6. Recognize the usefulness and limitations of models as scientific representations of reality. 7. Identify and communicate sources of unavoidable experimental error.	8. Understand the concepts of a relation and a function. 9. Determine whether a given relation defines a function. 10. Give pertinent information about given relations and functions.	11. Describe the changing landscape, including the development of cities divided according to race, ethnicity, and class. 12. Show the connections, causal and otherwise, between particular historical events and larger social, economic, and political trends and developments.