

ESSAY 2: Change

The Pursuit of Happiness and the American Dream

This essay will require you to identify and focus on one significant **change** within the topic of happiness and the American Dream, which you researched and wrote about in your Prospectus and Annotated Bibliography assignment. Your focus for this paper can be a **trend, discovery, invention, new use, or rise in a particular opposition**. For example, if you're writing about home ownership, specifically as it pertains to African-Americans, you can argue that the American Dream is alive and well because, while access to mortgages was once extremely limited for African-Americans, the Fair Housing Act of 1968, along with other legal and social developments, have opened up home ownership to more black Americans than ever before.

In your essay, you must make an original argument pertaining to this change and support it with evidence. You **MUST** choose only one change.

Requirements:

- **4 pages**, consisting of at least 1000 words (not including Works Cited)
- Use **5** sources minimum, consisting of the following:
 - 1 scholarly secondary source from an academic journal
 - 1 secondary nonfiction book source (does not need to be scholarly)
 - 1 primary nonfiction source
 - A reliable source of any type that is appropriate for an academic audience and purpose

Due: Thursday October 4th by class-time, not a minute later, on Moodle.