As you watch the slideshow, look for common elements. What images do you see repeated? Which are the most common? What do those images mean or symbolize (just as the farm in Of Mice and Men represented safety or independence or home or purpose, depending on which character you were asking, what do these images translate into as far as what they symbolize for Americans)? Which images are notably *missing*?

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Now, think in terms of short-term pleasure versus long-term happiness or satisfaction. Which of the images there are those which seem to provide immediate gratification and which are the sort that will have a longer-term or deeper pay off? Which are suitable to only very specific groups of people (the young versus the old; males versus females; etc.)? Which of them are most likely to measure up to the expectations one has when one dreams of them and which of them are most likely to fall short of expectations?

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Look at the chart showing the 20 wealthiest Americans: what do you notice about the people on the list? Write down all of your observations. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Look at the observations you just made about the list of the 20 wealthiest Americans: what do those observations tell you about the paths to (mega-)”success” in the USA? What do those observations say about *your* potential for (mega-)”success” in the future? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Watch the video of Wealth Inequality in America. What does it have to do with you? What does it have to do with the American Dream quote by James Adams to which you responded yesterday? Based on the video, do you think we are closer to or further from the American Dream as described by Adams in 1931? What do you feel would be necessary to change the wealth inequality situation as shown in the video? *Should* it even be changed? Explain your thinking.

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