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What is the American Dream?

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American Dream phrase

- Historian and writer James Truslow Adams coined the phrase in 1931
- “The American Dream is that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement.”

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Statue of Liberty

- The Statue of Liberty is the idyllic symbol of the American Dream.
- A poem by Emma Lazarus is engraved on the statue's pedestal.
- *“Give me your tired, your poor,/ Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free”*
- This has inspired millions of immigrants to come to America leaving behind their native countries.

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Declaration of Independence

- The dream of coming to America and working hard to achieve anything a person wanted had its roots in the Declaration of Independence.
- *“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”*

Leave it to Beaver

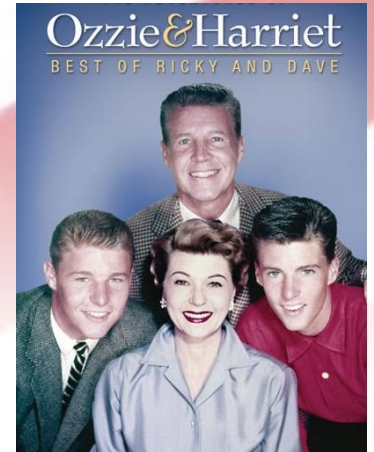
- This classic 1950s TV show is the epitome of the American dream
 - Hard working
 - Clean cut and well-liked
 - Happy nuclear family
 - One income
 - Suburban house
 - Two children
 - Safe, public schools
 - Expanding prosperity
 - Children would have a better future than their parents



Other American Dreams

TV shows

- The Brady Bunch
- Ozzie and Harriet
- The Donna Reed Show
- My Three Sons
- The Bill Cosby Show



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Death of a Salesman

What happens when the dream isn't perfect?

- A corrupted American Dream is presented in Miller's play.
- Willy struggles to support his family on his one salary.
- He is obsessed with being successful and well-liked.
- Biff was popular, but he doesn't know who he is. He wants to "find himself" at age 34.
- Happy is boastful and competitive and also unsatisfied with life.
- What happened to this family to make them like they are?

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