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## My Dream, My History Answer Key

Student responses will vary. A complete and accurate answer should:

- Identify a personal goal.
- Connect that goal to opportunities the student hopes to have (education, career, rights).
- Explain why equality matters for achieving the American Dream.
- Show understanding that the American Dream is rooted in historical ideals of freedom, fairness, and improvement over time.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Target Skill:** Relating personal experience to historical concepts and civic ideals.
- **Scaffolding Ideas:**
  - Provide sentence starters for developing writers ("My dream is to..." "This connects to the American Dream because...").
  - Allow a verbal brainstorm before writing to build confidence and clarity.
- **Engagement Tips:**
  - Play soft background music during writing to create a reflective atmosphere.
  - Invite students to share their statements with a partner or small group if comfortable.
- **Differentiation:**
  - Offer optional graphic organizers for students who need help structuring ideas.
  - Encourage advanced students to reference historical moments or figures who expanded opportunity.
- **Extension Ideas:**
  - Have students create a visual symbol or slogan representing their dream.
  - Compile statements into a class anthology titled "Our American Dreams" to celebrate diverse goals.