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21st Century Dream

Directions: Use the guided outline below to write a short essay redefining the American Dream for today's world. Follow each prompt and complete all parts thoughtfully.

Introduction

- Hook your reader with an interesting idea about the American Dream.
- Briefly explain how the American Dream has been understood in the past.
- End with a clear thesis statement that describes what you believe the American Dream means in the 21st century.

Body Paragraph 1: A Core Value

- Choose one important value that now shapes the American Dream (examples: access to education, equality, innovation, mental well-being).
- Explain why this value matters to people today.
- Include at least one specific example or piece of evidence.

Body Paragraph 2: Changing Challenges

- Describe a challenge that makes achieving the American Dream harder today (examples: rising costs, discrimination, technology gaps).
- Explain how your version of the American Dream addresses or adapts to this challenge.
- Include at least one real-world connection.

Conclusion

- Restate your thesis in a fresh way.
- Reflect on why your updated version of the Dream is important for the future.
- End with a hopeful or inspiring final thought.