



## RESSURSARK – LYTTEMATERIELL – ENGELSK

**Tittel:** American Values and the American Dream (2004) – Engelsk Vg2 Internasjonal engelsk

**Kort beskrivelse:**

Thomas, an Englishman, has met Steven and Dianne in New York. They are talking about American values. Thomas bases the discussion on a text (given below) that he reads to them, and he asks them to compare urban and rural America.

Is the American Dream corrupted?

**The text Thomas reads at the start:**

People today see prosperity as a right, something handed to them, instead of a goal that is earned through character formation and hard work.... Could it be that by advocating the timeless truths of human freedom, responsibility, hard work, and religious faith we can help usher in a new wave of thinking for the twenty-first century?

From Ryan Richardson, *Religion and Liberty*

**Oppgaver for refleksjon/diskusjon/samtale:**

1. The phrase “the American Dream” has been used since the late 18th century. How has its meaning changed over the years? Does it still exist? If yes, how can we see this?
2. Do you think hard work is still the main success factor in the USA today? Explain.
3. Give examples of children born into success and whether or not they have succeeded themselves (e.g. Kate Hudson or Miley Cyrus). What challenges do they face?
4. How would you describe success?

Kompetansemål Vg2 Internasjonal engelsk:

**Kommunikasjon**

Mål for opplæringen er at eleven skal kunne:

- bruke et rikt og nyansert ordforråd av generell og fagspesifikk art
- bruke situasjonstilpasset språk i sosiale, faglige og interkulturelle sammenhenger
- presentere fagstoff muntlig, skriftlig eller i form av sammensatte tekster

**Kultur, samfunn og litteratur**

Mål for opplæringen er at eleven skal kunne:

- drøfte ulike sider ved flerkulturelle samfunn i den engelskspråklige verden
- reflektere over hvordan kulturforskjeller og ulike verdssystem kan påvirke kommunikasjon