

Theme: **The American Dream**

The **American Dream** (n.) –The notion that the American social, economic, and political system makes success possible for every individual.

Elements of the **American Dream**:

- Ideals of freedom
- Material comfort
- Personal happiness

In what ways does the author use the theme of the **American Dream** in *The Great Gatsby*?

What does the “valley of ashes” suggest about the **American Dream**?

How do people like Tom and Daisy affect the ideology of the **American Dream**?