American Dream Convention Procedures

Welcome to the American Dream Convention! This is an exciting two-day event that brings together great thinkers, writers, and activists from many different times and places in American history. The purpose of the convention is to decide on one common vision of the American Dream. Which of the presentations most convincingly portrays a dream that will benefit our country and the individuals within it?

The convention will be structured as follows:

1. Each character (represented by a group) will have 3 minutes to present his or her argument convincingly to the audience.
2. After each presentation, audience members will have 2 minutes to question the presenters about what they have heard.
3. After questions and answers, audience members will have 1 minute to organize their thoughts and write a quick reflection before the next presentation.
4. After all of the presentations, a vote will be held to decide which argument was most convincing and which vision should be adopted.

Each individual will have two roles in the convention:

1. As a presenter, you will be in character and will present your vision to the audience as convincingly as possible.
2. As an audience member, you will be yourself: a modern teenager in America, evaluating the merits of each argument that is presented. You’ll vote as yourself, not as your character.

Good luck, and have fun!