## Discussion Preparation

Below are some quotations you may analyze in today's class discussion. For each quotation, explain what it means in your own words, decide whether you agree or disagree, and explain your answer. Think about how the writers whose work you've read so far would address these same quotations. Would they agree or disagree? What evidence (quotations) can you find in the documents to support your assertion?

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<th>American Dream Quotation</th>
<th>Rephrase in your own words.</th>
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<th>Do you agree or disagree with the quotation? Why?</th>
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<td>“What is the American dream? The American dream is one big tent. One big tent. And on that big tent you have four basic promises: equal protection under the law, equal opportunity, equal access, and fair share.” – Jesse Jackson</td>
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"The American Dream may be slipping away. We have overcome such challenges before. To recover the Dream requires knowing where it came from, how it lasted so long and why it matters so much."
–Jon Meacham

"The American dream is about freedom."
–Nancy Pelosi
“That government is best which governs least.”
–Henry David Thoreau

“Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one.”
–Thomas Paine
“Only if government fulfilled its responsibility by fostering a robust economy was it reasonable to hold individuals responsible for working hard and striving to do their best.”

—Cal Jillson