# AMERICAN DREAM: VOCABULARY

### **EXERCISE 1: WORD MATCHING**

Match each word with its correct definition.

There are two extra definitions that do not have a match — be careful!



Liberty

Equality

Opportunity

Poverty

**Pursuit of Happiness** 

The Promised Land

- a) A land believed to offer great opportunity and success.
- b) The right to seek personal joy and fulfillment.
- c) A state of complete harmony and balance.
- d) A state of being extremely poor.
- e) Freedom from oppression or restrictions.
- f) The belief in equal status, rights, and opportunities for all.
- g) A sudden realization of a great idea.
- h) A chance to achieve success or improve one's situation.

### **EXERCISE 2: FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS**

Complete the sentences with the correct vocabulary from the following list.

Word Bank: optimism, discrimination, from rags to riches, frontier, gold rush, destiny

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1. Many believe the work leads to suc	American Dream is abo cess.	out the possibility to go	0	, where hard
2.During the 19th co settlers.	entury, the	_ symbolized new be	ginnings and ex	cploration for
3. The	_ attracted thousands to	California, hoping to	find wealth and	I prosperity.
4. Overcoming America.	has been a ch	nallenge for many gro	ups striving for	equality in
5.A sense of matter their circur	inspired peoplenstances.	e to believe they could	achieve greatn	ess, no
6. Some think achievel of the comments of the	ving the American Drea	ım is a matter of	, as if f	ate







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### **EXERCISE 3: SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS**



Select the correct synonym or antonym for each word from the options. Some words may only have a synonym or an antonym. An extra distraction is included to make it more challenging.

1. Unalienable Rights
<ul> <li>Synonym: (a) inherent rights (b) equal rights (c) temporary privileges</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Antonym: (a) revocable rights (b) undeniable rights (c) earned rights</li> </ul>
2. Self-Image
<ul> <li>Synonym: (a) self-perception (b) self-awareness (c) distorted self-view</li> </ul>
3. Pioneer Spirit
<ul> <li>Synonym: (a) trailblazing attitude (b) innovative mindset (c) defeatist</li> </ul>
mindset
<ul> <li>Antonym: (a) resistance to change (b) adventurousness (c) risk-taking</li> </ul>
4. Frontier
<ul> <li>Synonym: (a) boundary (b) unexplored territory (c) well-established</li> </ul>
area
5. Discrimination
<ul> <li>Antonym: (a) prejudice (b) tolerance (c) bias</li> </ul>
6. Optimism
<ul> <li>Synonym: (a) hopefulness (b) positivity (c) pessimism</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Antonym: (a) negativity (b) despair (c) contentment</li> </ul>
7. Destiny
<ul> <li>Synonym: (a) fate (b) choice (c) predetermined outcome</li> </ul>







# ANSWER KEY (FOR TEACHER USE)

# **Activity 1: Word Matching**

Liberty (e)

Equality (f)

Opportunity (h)

Poverty (d)

Pursuit of Happiness (b)

The Promised Land (a)

## **Activity 2: Fill-in-the-Blanks**

- 1. from rags to riches
- 2. frontier
- 3.gold rush
- 4. discrimination
- 5. optimism
- 6. destiny

## **Activity 3: Synonyms and Antonyms**

- 1. Unalienable Rights
  - Synonym: (a) inherent rights
  - Antonym: (a) revocable rights
- 2. Self-Image
  - Synonym: (a) self-perception
- 3. Pioneer Spirit
  - Synonym: (a) trailblazing attitude
  - Antonym: (a) resistance to change
- 4. Frontier
  - Synonym: (b) unexplored territory
- 5. Discrimination
  - Antonym: (b) tolerance
- 6. Optimism
  - Synonym: (a) hopefulness
  - Antonym: (a) negativity
- 7. Destiny
  - Synonym: (a) fate



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