

English 3 Study Guide Unit: The American Dream

Using this study guide will help you prepare for your section quizzes and unit exam and ensure that you learn the most important content. Keep it near you and take notes as you progress through the unit. When you have finished the unit, be sure to store it in a notebook or in a specific folder on your computer so that you can study it for the semester exam.

Section B: Skepticism and Belief in the American Dream

1. What kind of knowledge is “belief”?
2. What does skepticism state about truth?
3. Section Warm-Up: Do you feel the following statement is accurate: "Nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know"? Write down your thoughts about it.
4. Can you think of an example from history, current events, or personal experience that supports this statement? Describe the example in 3 sentences.
5. Can you think of an example from history, current events, or personal experience that **rejects** this statement? Describe the example in 3 sentences.
6. What helped inspire the Civil Rights movement that grew over the next three decades?
7. What are literary elements?
8. Which literary elements did you have trouble defining in the literary elements crossword review?

9. Write down the definitions of any terms that are difficult for you to remember. Can you think of an example for each of these terms?

10. Explain the difference between topic, main idea, and theme.

11. Write down the four steps to identifying the theme in literature.

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2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

12. How would you summarize the plot of "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson?

13. What are the most important conflicts and moments in the story?

14. What is the main topic of the story?

15. What is the theme of "The Lottery"?

16. Explain the difference between first and third person point of view.

17. In "The Lottery" who is telling the story? Is the narrator a towns person who is part of the community, or someone who seems to be an outside observer? What proof from the text supports your answer?

18. Explain the difference between literary elements and literary devices.

19. What is a symbol?

20. List the three steps for identifying a symbol.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

21. On your symbolism worksheet, which words did you circle? Explain why.

22. Which words or phrases did you underline? Why do you think the author slowed down in these sections?

23. Which words did you draw a box around? Why did these phrases stand out to you?

24. How do the words and phrases you identified above relate to the theme of this paragraph?

25. What did you learn about symbolism from this activity?

