**The “American Dream” in Poetry**

For the poem you choose, please complete the following:

1. Annotate the poem thoroughly (20 pts)
2. Write the poem’s title and author on the top line of a separate sheet of paper. (5 pts)

Headings:

* 1. **Vocabulary**. Identify and define at least FIVE unknown words from the poem (if you don’t have a dictionary or a device with internet access, ask me or a friend). 10 pts
  2. **Speaker.** Who is the speaker in the poem? What does the speaker tell us about himself or herself? Cite the lines that provide this information. (10 pts)
  3. **Literary Elements.** Identify at least THREE of the following in your poem: symbolism, simile, metaphor, personification, imagery, allusion, alliteration, assonance, onomatopoeia. (5 pts each)
  4. **Theme.** What is the “big idea” or central message of the poem? (10 pts)
  5. **Unit Theme.** What does this poem have to do with the unit theme of the “American Dream”? (15 pts)
  6. **Personal Response** (20 pts) Your personal response should include the following:
     1. What was your favorite line from the poem and why?
     2. What did this poem make you think/feel? How can you connect it to your own life and experience?
     3. If you could ask the poet one question, what would it be?
     4. How does this poem compare/contrast with your own view of culture and identity?