

## ACTIVATOR

To activate your thinking! 

### Wanting and Good Life and Pursuing Survival

Think about your 5 year plan. Where do hope to be in five years. Circle the parts of the chart that you consider a goal...

College education or Technical degree	Wife/Husband/Family/Pets
Nice Home	Free of Student Loan debt
Mansion	Really good food most of the week
Nice Car	Access to good medical care
Sports Car	Really good and healthy dinner every night
Fun vacations	Prestigious Job 70,000 – 100,000 a year
Good job with decent salary – 30,000-40,000 a year	Nice clothes
Clothes are not important	Plenty of money for things I like
Plenty of money to help take care of my parents and other family members	A big yard or lots of land – Heck I want a farm!
A small yard is OK with me	I want to be able to retire one day

After filling out the chart, list 3 things you already do that are helping you pursue these goals

- 
-

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Activate student understanding of the American Dream by asking them to consider their own life goals. Then show this YouTube clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNtKt1WQcZ4>

... and discuss student responses. Help students make the connection between the American Dream of those people living in the past and their own future goals/needs/wants.