Notebook Entry #2

In *Death of a Salesman*, Arthur Miller makes a scathing commentary on the notion of an “American Dream”.

**Directions**: Complete the survey below. Then, as a journal response, choose 3 OF THE 10 STATEMENTS to discuss IN DETAIL. I expect a fully developed paragraph for each addressing the following questions:

* Is this statement true or false? How so? What real life examples can you pull to support your opinion?

***The “American Dream” Survey***

T or F 1) In America, all men are created equal and, therefore, have equal rights.

T or F 2) Any individual in the U.S. can be successful if he or she works hard enough.

T or F 3) Only those born of wealth or high status stand a chance at becoming rich someday.

T or F 4) The color of a person’s skin has a great deal to do with how far they can go in this country.

T or F 5) The American Dream is just an ideal that never really existed in the first place.

T or F 6) Our government looks after all its citizens- be they rich or poor.

T or F 7) Immigrants coming to America from other countries used to read engraved on the Statue of Liberty, “Give me your poor, your tired, your huddled masses…” Our country still feels this way regarding immigration.

T or F 8) America is turning from a democracy to a dictatorship.

T or F 9) Every vote counts in America.

T or F 10) The “American Dream” is just that… a dream, not a reality.