

## **American Dreaming**

### **Segment 1**

1. How did early explorers help create an image of the Americas that would become part of the American Dream?
2. What belief of 18<sup>th</sup> Century rationalism or deism is reflected in the American dream?
3. In what way does Benjamin Franklin's life represent the American dream?
4. Do you agree that the fundamentals of the American dream are contained in the proclamation of the Declaration of Independence that states every person has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?

### **Segment 2**

Contemporary writers have identified five enemies of the American dream. These enemies, or problems, are injustice, hopelessness, conformity, complacency, and commercialism. Give an example of each enemy and a suggestion for how that enemy can be defeated.

### **Segment 3**

Give three examples of how the Puritans created a life in New England that was all that they hoped it would be.

What three legacies of Puritan New England are evident in contemporary American Society?

What aspect of Puritan New England culture do you most admire? Explain.

### **Segment 4**

In what way is Romanticism reflected in America's journey west?