

Think-Write #1:
Your American Creed

Objective:

Your first think-write is a beginning to thinking about the core values of the American Creed: individualism $\leftarrow\rightarrow$ collectivism, freedom $\leftarrow\rightarrow$ order, equality $\leftarrow\rightarrow$ hierarchy, democracy $\leftarrow\rightarrow$ authority, and capitalism $\leftarrow\rightarrow$ centralization. You will focus on what these values mean to you. In successive think-writes, you will reflect on the development, evolution and interaction of these values throughout American history.

Task:

For *each* of the 5 core American value pair (individualism $\leftarrow\rightarrow$ collectivism, freedom $\leftarrow\rightarrow$ order, equality $\leftarrow\rightarrow$ hierarchy, democracy $\leftarrow\rightarrow$ authority, and capitalism $\leftarrow\rightarrow$ centralization):

- Provide a definition of what the values mean to you and how they manifest in your life
- Discuss the tension within each pair

Conventions:

1 page; Single Spaced; 1" margins; 12 pt font; Times New Roman; Good Grammar; No heading or title; Name & Date on back