America – united/divided, dream or nightmare

* Write about American identity; e.g. something about the history of the nation, basic American values, various views on the American Dream and the idea of social mobility. In your essay, you must draw parallels to at least three of the texts (articles, poems, film, videos, short film, radio-program, posters/paintings) we have analyzed during our course on America. Do not write about one text and then another…..Compare them to each other, write about differences/similarities between the texts. Remember to substantiate your points with specific examples from the texts.
* Furthermore, your mini-essay must include some of the words listed here:

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| achieve, impact, settler, frontier, self-reliance, individualism, equality of opportunity, the pursuit of happiness, “can-do”-spirit, The Declaration of Independence, unalienable, embody, Puritans, the new promised land, The Mayflower, extend, enlarge, advance, attainable/unattainable, aspiration, progress, optimism, patriotism, native Americans/indigenous people, divided, polarization, united, foundation, national values, superpower, prosperity, poverty, upward mobility, pursue, undocumented, immigrants, materialism, fulfilling, hard work, volunterism, determination, self-improvement, freedom, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island. |