

The background is a grayscale architectural drawing of a building floor plan. Various drafting tools are scattered across the drawing: a pair of compasses on the left, a red highlighter at the top, a black pen with its cap off on the right, and a ruler on the right side. A large white circle is centered over the drawing, containing the main text. A dashed blue line follows the left edge of the white circle, and a solid orange circle is positioned at the bottom right edge of the white circle.

# Cultural Artifacts

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# Overview

- "The Great Gatsby" (1925) captures the Roaring Twenties' decadence and disillusionment; "Forrest Gump" (1994) portrays a resilient, optimistic American Dream across several decades.
- Both artifacts explore the American Dream, albeit differently—Gatsby's disillusioned pursuit of wealth vs. Gump's innocent and successful journey.
- Comparative analysis of these artifacts highlights the evolving perception of the American Dream and its implications on American culture and education.

# IMPACT ON THE AUDIENCE



The American Dream remains a vital cultural ideal, continuously shaping American identity and aspirations.

It bridges historical and modern societal values, highlighting the evolution of cultural expectations.

Demonstrates how contrasting depictions influence perceptions of success and ambition in popular media.



# Evidence

01

Objective analysis reveals the impact of the American Dream through historical shifts portrayed in literature and film.

02

Subjective reflections resonate personally, mirroring the dual nature of the American Dream seen in family stories of aspiration and disillusionment.

03

Examples include Gatsby's elusive green light and Forrest's floating feather, symbolizing the unattainability and optimism of the American Dream.

# Personally

- Personal resonance with "The Great Gatsby" and "Forrest Gump" through shared narratives of aspiration and varying success.
- Family history echoes themes of striving and resilience, mirroring Forrest Gump's journey and Gatsby's challenges.
- Choose the American Dream theme for its rich historical context and personal relevance, reflecting broader societal shifts.



# Humanities

- Enhances critical thinking and understanding of diverse perspectives.
- Fosters professional skills relevant in various fields beyond academia.
- Promotes empathy and cultural sensitivity, crucial in a globalized world.



# Humaniti es

decode cultural values and societal changes, providing a deeper understanding of our collective history.

- Studying humanities enriches our grasp of national identity through exploration of cultural and historical narratives.
- Humanities influence public perceptions and policies by fostering critical thinking and ethical

# Message

- Adjust vocabulary to match the understanding level of the audience, ensuring clarity and engagement.
- Modify the depth of content discussion to align with audience interest and background knowledge.
- Employ engagement strategies that resonate with the audience, like interactive elements or relevant examples.





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