

**Bancroft School**  
**English III**  
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Reading List

*Martin Dressler: The Tale of an American Dreamer*

Assignment

What does this novel reveal about the American Dream? Is Martin's experience a dream or a nightmare, or does it somehow explore elements of both? Before writing about the American Dream in *Martin Dressler*, you might want to think about what the American Dream means to you and to others in this country. Has the idea of the American Dream changed with time? Write a focused essay (approx. 500 words), organized around a central assertion, or thesis, describing what this novel says about the American Dream. Use specific examples from the novel to prove and clarify your points.