

NINTH GRADE CORE ESSAY

PROMPT: The United States was founded on certain ideals and beliefs (see chart below the prompt). Listed below are four “themes” of United States history. Pick **ONE** of the four themes and write a 5-paragraph essay explain whether the changes that have taken place in America relating to the theme during the time period of 1890 to 1940 have moved us closer to or further from America’s founding ideals.

- a. Role of government
- b. America’s changing economy
- c. America’s role in the world
- d. Social equality in America

THE ORIGINAL IDEALS AND BELIEFS OF THE UNITED STATES

Equality: All people are treated the same way and valued equally.	Democracy: A system of government founded on the simple principle that the power to rule comes from the people.	Rights: Powers or privileges granted to people either by an agreement among themselves or by law.	Opportunity: The chance for people to pursue their hopes and dreams.	Liberty: freedom from control, interference, obligation, restriction, hampering conditions, etc.; power or right of doing, thinking, speaking, etc., according to choice.
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Potential examples for “Role of Government: <ul style="list-style-type: none">●●●●●	Potential examples for “America’s changing economy” <ul style="list-style-type: none">●●●●●	Potential examples for “America’s role in the world” <ul style="list-style-type: none">●●●●●	Potential examples for “Social Equality in America” <ul style="list-style-type: none">●●●●●
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District Essay Organization Outline

I. Introduction

II. _____

A. _____

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B. _____

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C. _____

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Did the changes in the _____ move us closer to or further from our “founding ideals”? (choose and explain):

III. _____

A. _____

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B. _____

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C. _____

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Did the changes in _____ move us closer to or further from our “founding ideals”? (choose and explain):

IV. _____

A. _____

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B. _____
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C. _____
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Did the changes in _____ move us closer to or further from our “founding ideals”? (choose and explain):

V. CONCLUSION
