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- C. There is no such thing as the American dream!

4. What is the American Dream according to Mark Cates?

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7. What is according to Ed Toler the American dream (tick more answers)

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- B. It is about being able to take a vacation.
- C. It is about being able to buy a great car.
- D. It is about hope.
- E. It is about being able to take care of your elderly parents.
- F. It is about being able to save up.

8. In hard times the American dream has another meaning. It means:

- A. Freedom and Luck
- B. Opportunity and Freedom
- C. Family and Freedom

9. Esther Goosens is from?

- A. Bulgaria
- B. Belgium
- C. Brasil
- D. Holland

10. **What is the American dream about in good times?**

A. Material success.

B. Freedom.

11. **Why are some people already living the American dream?**

A. Because they achieved it at an early age.

B. Because their parents achieved it for them.

C. Because being alive is just what it is about.

D. Because they live in America and lots of people would like to be in their shoes.

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What exactly is "The American Dream"?

The American Dream means earning success through hard work. No matter what your background, if you work hard enough you will become a success. You will have wealth, happiness and an excellent lifestyle.



Susan "Suze" Lynn Orman (born June 5, 1951) is an American financial adviser, author, motivational speaker, and television host.



Reporter: All right Suze ,let's talk about your book. Why did you choose to write this book now?

Suze: You know, everything that we have learned about money over the past few years has changed. The advice I used to give you just a few years ago in my last book isn't as relevant today as it was then because everything has changed. So it's very ,very important that we actually go back to class and learn all about money again in a whole different way. So, it's important when an author like myself,you know, this is my tenth book. And, I don't just want to write another book ,so that it's out there that everybody buys it.I want to write a book that transforms lives-that helps people in their situation. That gives them answers to their questions that they don't know where to get anywhere else. And that is exactly what happens in this book "The Money Class."We re-define the American Dream. We re-define how to live your life so that you can live a life of happiness,security,you know,so you can sleep at night. That's what it's all about. So, this book is probably the most important book I have ever,ever written.

The difference from today as a few years ago is,a few years ago it was more, bigger ,better .Bigger homes,newer cars,more clothes ,brighter jewelry. Today ,it really is living below your means but within your needs. You have to learn today to stand in your truth. So many times before ,we would say to people,"I'll go out to eat, I'll do this, I'll do that,"knowing that you didn't have the money to pay for it. Knowing that you could just put it on a credit card and pay the minimum payment when it came due. That is no longer true today. If you want to transform your life you have to stand in the truth. You have to know when to do something and when not to do something. You have to get more pleasure out of saving than you do spending. You have to live a life where you say,"I'm glad I did,"instead of "I wish I hadn't." And so, if you really want to know ,what to do with your family,what to do with your home, what to do with your career and what to do in retirement planning, whether you are twenty or all the way to living in retirement ,this book is for you.

Questions:

- 1.What is the American Dream?
- 2.Why is the advice Ms Orman gave in her previous books no longer valid?
- 3.Why did she write her latest book?
- 4.What kind of help does she feel people will get from her book?
- 5.What did people want a few years ago?
6. What should they expect nowadays?
- 7.What do you think she means by,"I'm glad I did," instead of ,"I wish I hadn't."
- 8.Why should people buy her book?