***Synthesis Essay: Thematic Unit***

1. Choose **one** of the following themes:

Acceptance

Racism

Identity

The American Dream

The Canadian Dream

The American Vs. The Canadian Dream

Prejudice

Pride

Other?

The American Identity

The Canadian Identity

The American Vs. The Canadian Identity

Money and Materialism

Society and Class

The Loss of Idealism

2) You will be writing on the novel ***The Great Gatsby***, but you will also use one (or more) of the following sources that we have discussed in class:

*Poem: I Hear America Singing*

*-Poem: I Too America Sing*

*-Song: This is America*

*-Poem: Caged Bird*

*-Short Story: Borders*

*-Speech: Martin Luther King Jr “I Have a Dream”*

*-Spoken Word: Amanda Gorman*

*-Town Hall Discussion: Justin Trudeau*

*-Poem: Walking on Both Sides of an Invisible Border*

*-Critical Essay: Through the One-Way Mirror*

*-Other?*

3) You are going to write a synthesis essay comparing and/or contrasting the sources you chose and connecting them to a particular theme. Show how your theme connects with the sources. Explain in detail using evidence from the texts/literature. Remember this is a Synthesis Essay so be sure to have at least 5 paragraphs, a strong thesis statement, evidence (with quotes), and a proper structure.