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Start Time: 9:45 pm

Being born and raised in Haiti, I grew up hearing about America and everything people could achieve! The Land of Opportunity is what we were told growing up; the land where dreams come true. They told us growing up that anyone could make it in America, as long as we work hard and remain patient. Growing up, my siblings and I imagined all the money we would be able to make and all the things we would be able to buy; home, car, food, clothing, never lacking food, never lacking anything materialistic things, and the peace and happiness that came with this. Growing up in poverty, I saw firsthand how the lack of money and resources can create such a difficult home life. Not knowing where the family's meals would come from among all the other problems made me dream of the day I could come to the land of opportunities.

The American Dream is the idea that as long as you are willing to work hard and persevere you will be able to achieve the financial stability that will produce material goods and happiness. When speaking about the American Dream, you typically see the average suburban family house and driveway, vehicles, financial security, independence, and happiness. There is a sense of peace that comes when a family is limited by living paycheck. The American Dream is not limited to finances but it is the power that surrounds being financially stable. The freedom to buy what you want, and live without drowning in debt. The freedom to be able to purchase and live in a beautiful

spacious home that is owned and drive a car of your dreams while working a job of your dreams. The American Dream is more than just material success, it is having peace of mind and financial freedom.

End Time: 10:00 pm