**Screencast-O-Matic**

Multicultural Assessment Part 1

Please read the overview of the assessment on the document on the web page. Use the following sheets to thoroughly respond to the questions and tasks below.

1. **The title and author of the book you read**
2. **An objective plot summary**: This is simply a short summary of the novel. You are not saying whether you enjoyed the novel or not, just what it was about in your words. Try to keep this short – 30-60 seconds in your presentation.
3. **An analysis of the main characters and their dreams**. Select a character or two or three depending on your novel. Explain what the dream or dreams are. Next analyze what the individual is really pursuing. For example: Walter from *A Raisin in the Sun* dreamed to own a liquor store with Willie and Bobo. Was the liquor store really his dream? What is the dream within the dream? ie: What does his dream stand for?

1. **An analysis of the conflicts**:
   1. Explain the barriers the characters face in reaching for their American Dreams.
   2. Explain how these barriers affected the characters’ success of failure in achieving the American Dream. Did the character overcome the barriers? If so, how? If not, why?
2. **Images that help the reader understand your novel and the issues it presents**.  What’s the magic number of visuals, you ask? . . . enough to get the job done well.  Just a few probably won’t cut it. Consider what images would help present your information to your peers. If Walter was your character, you might consider an image of a liquor store and then a hammer for self-reliance. Or perhaps, you’d insert a stack of $100 bills to show that money was a barrier.

1. **A thoughtful reflection on what the book has taught you about**:
   1. the American Dream
   2. the impact of barriers to achieving the dream
   3. the ways people can react to barriers

7. **Your evaluation: Would you recommend the book? Why or why not?**