

The American Dream then and now

Tasks (refer to Mock exam text 3)

1. Outline the reasons Schwarzenegger gives for leaving his home country of Austria.
2. Analyse how he makes his speech effective. Pay special attention to rhetorical devices and the way in which he tries to establish a friendly relationship to his audience.
3. Choose one of the following tasks:
 - a) Arnold Schwarzenegger claims that what he has achieved is "an immigrant's dream. It's the American Dream" (1.5). Comment on this statement taking into consideration what you know about the American Dream.
 - b) Imagine you are an Austrian immigrant and have just listened to Schwarzenegger's speech. Write a formal letter to him either congratulating him on his speech or criticising it.