

## M10: American Dreams © Papa Roach, 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6KX2mB7LHI>



### **Step 1:**

Watch the first 25 seconds and write down all associations you have with the title.

### **Step 2:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CXq51iC4yk>



You will be surprised that there is another version of the video (which was actually released before this one.)

Watch this video: summarize the central message and choose at least one of the following tasks:

- (a) Focus on the music and describe to what extent it underlines the overall message.
- (b) Focus on the video itself: find examples of topics you would consider important.
- (a) Focus on the lyrics: Underline / mark (“analyze”) different topics by using different colors.

### **Step 3:**

Now watch the complete other version of the video.

- (a) Explain whether your first impression of the song has changed now. Why? / Why not?
- (b) Compare how the “Anti-American-Dream attitude” is conveyed here in contrast to the other video.

Give concrete examples.

Extra: Describe clichés of “typical” Americans as shown in the video.

### **Step 4:**

Compare and discuss your considerations with a partner. (Add further aspects to your list).

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It feels like American dreams caught on fire	20	Got us all wearing black every Sunday
We're tearing down the white picket fences		And I'm growing numb to the violence
A soldier bleeds and a soldier dies		Sing along to the sound of the sirens
5 Have you ever thought that war was a sickness?		We're trying to keep ourselves alive
I'm a son of it, fucked up from it		But it's hard to get by when it feels like
Casualty of my family 'cause of it	25	Something's wrong here, or so it seems
We dare to dream or live to die		'Cause I'm not sleeping in
Reunited by the truth at the right time		American dreams, American lies
10 Something's wrong here, or so it seems		We're trying to see through the smoke in our eyes
'Cause I'm not sleeping in		So give me the truth, don't tell me your lies
American dreams, American lies	30	'Cause it's harder to breathe when you're buried alive
We're trying to see through the smoke in our eyes		By American dreams
So give me the truth, don't tell me your lies		'Cause I'm not sleeping in
15 'Cause it's harder to breathe when you're buried alive		American dreams, American lies
By American dreams		We're trying to see through the smoke in our eyes
With every bullet hole, there's a blood stain	35	So give me the truth, don't tell me your lies
Another family that's struggling to keep sane		'Cause it's harder to breathe when you're buried alive
'Cause their neighborhood ain't a safe place		By American dreams (2x)