

**Conference on Democracy – Youth and the American Dream
Writing Prompts for Students**

Please ask students to write a brief response (1-2 pages) to one of the following questions in order to prepare for the session. Students will have an opportunity to discuss their responses with the panelists.

1. Is America a failed idea whose time has passed, or a dream yet to be fulfilled?

2. Would you give up part of your humanity – your compassion, your vulnerability, your dreams, your soul – to be invincible or forever youthful?

3. How do you view war and warriors? As noble? As relics of a bygone era? As inevitable results of human society? Why?