**Journal Assignment #2: “Winter Dreams”**

In groups of **THREE**, please work on the following:

1. **Choose one of the following questions to discuss:**
   1. Is the concept of the American Dream reinforced or undermined in “Winter Dreams”?
   2. To what extent is Dexter’s life determined by economic and/or social forces? Is he aware of these forces or not?
   3. Which classes are represented in “Winter Dreams” and how are they represented?
2. **Observations**
   * Identify at least **three specific examples** (including page numbers) from the text that relate to your question.
   * Articulate any patterns you observe between these three examples. What are the similarities or differences between these examples? You may want to discuss elements such as language, theme, plot, point-of-view, etc.
3. **Analysis**
   * Create a tentative **thesis statement** in response to your chosen question. Be clear, specific, and argumentative.