Synopsis of Readings

Reading #2

- *The American Commonwealth*
- James Bryce

- “Yet some philosophers say that equality is impossible, and others… insist that distinctions of rank are so inevitable, that however you expunge them, they are sure to reappear.” (page 7– para. 2)

- “There is no rank in America… no external and recognized stamp, marking one man as entitled to any social privileges, or deference and respect from others. No man is entitled to think himself better than his fellows, or to expect any exceptional consideration to be shown by them to him.” (page 8– para. 5)

- **Question**— Is America still as unaffected by wealth as Bryce saw it?