

“America and I “ by Anzia Yeziarska pp. 863-873

In this story, an immigrant from R_____ describes her d_____ with the A_____ D_____. Having come to the United States excited about finding a f_____ job, she is at first happy to work as a s_____ for an American family. After working hard every day for a month, however, she is told that she won't be getting any w_____, just room and board.

She begins a different job in a sweatshop or a s_____ f_____; the pay is low and she only sees other i_____, but she has her e_____ free. Eventually, she gets a better job as a t_____ w_____, working in a light, airy factory only ____ hours a day. She learns E_____, but she still is feels u_____.

After reading American h_____ books, she learns that new Americans traditionally p_____ despite difficulties. Inspired, she tries to bridge the gap between Americans and new i_____ by writing about immigrant life, finally finding work she l_____.

She concludes with the h_____ that future Americans will appreciate the g_____ that new immigrants have to offer.

Turn over

1. Choose the best summary:

- A. "America and I" is about a Russian woman who comes to America and is mistreated by her employers.
- B. "America and I" is about the poor conditions immigrants face in ghettos and sweatshops.
- C. "America and I" is about the difficulties faced by a Russian immigrant in America before she discovered fulfilling work.

2. The one thing the narrator wants MOST from her work is the ability to

- A. Enjoy herself
- B. Support herself.
- C. Express herself.
- D. Challenge herself

3. From her 2nd job in America, the narrator learned

- a. Skills she needed to get a better job
- b. Not to protest her employers' policies
- c. How to earn the respect of her employers
- d. That the way to get ahead was to work hard

4. The narrator's 3rd job helps her to do all of the following EXCEPT

- a. Achieve peace of mind
- b. Appear more American
- c. Become fluent in English
- d. Increase her standard of living

5. From reading American history, the narrator comes to see America as being

- a. Savage
- b. Doomed
- c. Capable of change
- d. Too stuck in its ways