Citizenship – A Dream Come True

Pre-reading

Questions:

• What dreams do you have?

Definitions:

• Oath – a pledge or vow
• Host – to invite the guests to your home for a party
• Feast – to eat special food
• Polls – the place where people vote
• Passport – a travel permit

Reading

A dream comes true! Today Mee becomes a U. S. citizen! The program takes place at the courthouse. Mee raises her right hand and says the oath. She gets her citizenship papers. People clap for her. She is very proud. Mee’s friends are proud of her, too. They host a party for her at their home. They invite many of her friends. They all feast on good food. The next day Mee puts her papers in a fire-proof, lock box. She puts the box in a safe place in her home. Her papers will be easy to find when she needs them. Now Mee can vote! She can register at the courthouse or at the polls. She can also get a passport. She will do that soon. She would like to visit her family in Hong Kong.
Understanding

1. What dream comes true for Mee? ________________________________
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2. Where is the program? _________________________________________
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3. Who has a party for Mee? ________________________________
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4. Where does Mee put her papers? Why? _________________________
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5. List two things Mee can do as a citizen._______________________
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Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about being a U. S. citizen. Why is it important to you?

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