What the GED Means to Me

Pre-reading
Questions:

- Do you think it’s important to have a GED?
  Why or Why not?

Definitions:

- GED – General Education Development Test
- Accomplish – to do or finish; to achieve
- Career – the work a person does through life

Reading

Having my GED would mean a lot to me. I believe I could accomplish a lot of things in my life. I could further my education. I could get into a career I’ve wanted since I was 12 years old. That career is working with computers.

I used to dream about computers all of the time. I wanted to program and fix them. I wanted to know everything about them. When I got to high school, I didn’t pay much attention to computers. I cut or was late for many of my classes. I was running around doing everything but going to school. I didn’t think school was important.

When I got kicked out of school, I didn’t care. I thought I would just go to work. Since I didn’t graduate from high school, it was hard to find a job. If I did find a job, it was a low paying one.

I did everything I could to get money. Then, I decided to pursue my dream of working with computers. The only way to fulfill this dream is to go to college.

However, I can’t go to college without a high school diploma. I am taking GED classes so that I can get my GED. Then I can go to college and fulfill my dream.
Understanding
1. What does the word pursue mean? ______________________________________

2. Why didn’t the author graduate from high school? _________________________

3. What kind of work did the author find after leaving high school? _______________

4. What type of career does the author want?_________________________________

5. How is he trying to fulfill his dream?_____________________________________

Writing
Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.
Choice B: Write about your own career dreams.
Choice C: Write about someone you know who got his/her GED.