Tax Day

Pre-reading

Questions:
• What do you know about Tax Day?

Definitions:
• Due – expected or required
• Deadline – a set time when something must done or finished
• W-2 form – a form telling your yearly earnings
• Refund – the return of money that has already been paid

Reading

Tax Day is April 15. Wan wants to get her taxes done before that date. She does not want to wait until the day they are due. Taxes must be mailed by midnight of April 15th. People who do not meet the deadline are fined.

Wan needs two things in order to complete her taxes. She needs the tax form and her W-2 form. Wan gets the easy tax form at the library. Tax forms can also be found at most post offices.

Wan got her W-2 form in the mail. Her place of work sent it to her at the end of January. She has what she needs to start working on her taxes.

Wan reads and follows the directions. She prints her name. The form asks for her first name and middle initial, then her last name. She prints her address and her zip code. She writes her Social Security number. She completes the rest of the form.

Wan is pleased. She has finished the form, and she is getting a refund. She marks the refund box on the tax form. The money will go right into her checking account.
Understanding

1. When are taxes due? _____________________________________________________________

2. What two things do you need to begin your taxes? __________________________________________

3. Where can you get tax forms? _______________________________________________________

4. What does the word fine mean in this reading? __________________________________________

5. How and when did Wan get her W-2? __________________________________________________

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: How do you feel about doing your taxes? Are the forms easy or difficult to complete? When do you do your taxes?