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America and I

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1) What is Yezierska's initial impression of America? How does she compared to to her life in Russia? Yezierska's initial impression of America was a land of living hope, woven of dreams, and burning with longing and desire. She compared it to her life in Russia by saying herself is a hidden sap that never saw light that never had a chance to blossom in black life of the Old World. The light is representing America while the old world representing Russia where she had been through a tough life.

2) What does she aspire to do when she first arrives in America? What must she do first? She aspire to find work that could provide herself food, shelter, and wages. She must first have money to provide herself food and shelter.

3) Do you think her "Americanized family" treats her fairly? Why or why not? I think her “Americanized family” does not treat her fairly because they treat her as she was like a slave when they only provide food and shelter but not paying her wages.

4) What was the best part of her second job on Delaney Street? Why did she end up losing it? The best part of her second job was having the evening and night to herself. She end up losing it because she tired of overwork and no end to her boss's demands while complaining to her boss about wanting to go home.

5) What kind of work does Anzia prefer to do? What is stopping her? The kind of work Anzia prefer to do were something with her head, her feelings, and all day long with her hands to work. What stopping her was that she needs to learn English in order to do the work she prefers?

6) Do you agree with the author's argument that immigrants should receive free room and board? Why or why not? I agree with the author that immigrants should receive free room and board because they receive low wages that are not enough to provide a good place to sleep and a not bad condition place that has rat hole while sharing the place with other immigrant crap up in a small room. Immigrants could barely keep with the rent and have enough food for themselves.

7) What lessons did she learn from the pilgrims? How did this knowledge transform her idea of what it takes to succeed in America? Do you agree with her assessment? She learn from the pilgrims there is no America but a big idea on deathless hope where a world is still in the making. A Place she need work hard for her dreams to be realize. I agree with her assessment because America is a place where everyone tries to make their hope come true by dedication and hard work.

8) How does the author utilize the concepts of "hunger” and “appetite" to bring out her thesis? The author utilize the concepts of "hunger "and " appetite" to bring out her thesis by showing that hunger representing her desire of hope while appetite representing that she need to have hope.