

Immigrants and the American Dream By Anzia Yezierska

- 1) Yezierska's first impression of America is a place of color, she mentions Russia being a prison and America being "sunlight burning through her darkness(63)". She also mentions how America freed her from this prison.
- 2) Yezierska's aspires to be treated as a human being, to become a creator, giver, but first she must work in order to make money to provide food and shelter for herself.
- 3) As what Yezierska's initially planned to be in American (human being), her Americanized family does not treat her that way. Although they to feed her and provide her shelter she is treat nothing like she hoped to be treated like. It is not fair because that is her job like any other person with a job.
- 4) The best part for Yezierska at her second job on Delancey Street is that she had the evening to herself and she was able to say she can do something even if it is just sewing a button on. she lost it because she yelled out to the lady that owned the shop when she left them for longer hours.
- 5) Anzia prefers to become a poetic but what is stopping her is her english, she has trouble expressing herself. What's stopping her is getting the money to pay for boarding school.
- 6) I personally do agree with Anzia, immigrants should be able to receive free room and board because like she said it is only fair for them if criminals get a room and feed in prison. It sets out a question, that if criminals get more advantage in prison then what makes immigrants ?
- 7) Anzia learned that the Pilgrims had to fight to get their way across, and that set hope for Anzia in getting what she came for in America, to reach her dream. As an immigrant I believe she is right she should strive for her dream.
- 8) The author utilize the concepts of "hunger" and "appetite" to bring out her thesis to set her main purpose. Although she was really hungry for food it showed more then that. It showed that she was hungry for freedom, for a taste of her dream. Anzia's appetite was her dream and her hunger was her failure reaching it.