Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. After reading the first seven paragraphs, summarize the narrator’s initial expectations of her new life in America.

   Choose a line from the text that would support these ideas, and list it below.

2. What does the author mean by the phrase “Americanized” family?

3. Throughout Chunk 2, how is the author using the word “American” to convey her feelings about America as well as the family she is working for? (Hint: Sometimes, “American” is in quotations.)

4. Reread paragraph 44. What can you infer about the narrator from this passage? In other words, what does she value and what is she more concerned with?

   Choose a line from the text that would support your answer, and list it below.

5. Explain what the author means by following statement? “That sweat-shop was a bitter memory but a good school.”

6. In chunk 5, the narrator hopes that, “Maybe this welfare man came to show me the real America that till now I sought in vain.” How do you think that narrator defines the real America?
7. How is this story representative of an immigrant’s rise in life and assimilation into becoming American? How is it the American story of rags to riches through hard work and a will to succeed?

8. The opening paragraphs of chunk 6 are especially rich in figurative language, expressing a sense of disillusionment. Quote one of the images and explain its meaning.

9. How do the last two paragraphs provide a definition of America?

10. In a well-developed paragraph, explain how the author’s attitude toward America changes over the course of the story. Make sure to reference the text by using examples to support your answer.