

Part 1—Preview

Look at the picture. Write 3 details that you notice. Write sentences.

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- 2)
- 3)



Now write 2 questions you have about the picture.

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- 2)

Part 2—Vocabulary

Read the article. Infer the meaning of each key (important) word.

Do **NOT** copy a dictionary definition!

Infer = use context clues to guess the meaning

birthright

Constitution

amendment

upheld

opportunity

Part 3—Read and identify main ideas.

Birthright citizenship is a special right that lets people become citizens of a country just because they were born there. It's like a gift that comes with being born in a certain place. In the United States, birthright citizenship is a very important part of our country's history. It's written in the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which is like a rule book for our country.

The Fourteenth Amendment says that anyone born in the United States is a citizen, even if their parents are not citizens. This means that even if your parents came from another country, you are still a citizen of the United States if you were born here. This rule has been around for a long time, (since 1868!), and it's been upheld by the Supreme Court, which is the highest court in our country.

The Fourteenth Amendment would be very difficult to change. The Constitution is very clear about this right, and only a change to the Constitution itself can change it. The President can't change it. 38 of the 50 states in the U.S. must vote to change an amendment. Then, the Congress must vote to change the amendment, too.

Birthright citizenship is a very important part of American history. It helps make our country a place where people from all over the world can come together and build a better life. It's a way of showing that we believe in equality and opportunity for everyone.

Birthright citizenship is a special right that makes the United States a welcoming country. It's a way of showing that we believe in equality and opportunity for everyone, no matter where they come from. It's a part of what makes America special.

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Part 4— Comprehension Questions

Answer the questions. Tell in which paragraph you found the answers.

Question	Answer	Where?
What is the Constitution of the U.S.?		
What does the 14th Amendment say?		
How can the 14th Amendment be changed?		
Is the 14th Amendment new? How old is it?		
What is the Supreme Court?		

Part 5—Reflection

Write a topic sentence and at least 5 detail sentences about the questions.

Why is birthright citizenship important? What positive effect does it have on our country? What do you think would happen if birthright citizenship ended?