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“American and I” by Anzia Yezierska

Answer the following questions according to the story.

1. Find three examples of similes.

a. b. c.

2. Find one example of parallel structure.

a.

3. Find three examples of personification

a. b. c.

4. What are two examples of idioms within the story?

a. b.

5. Find three examples of rhetorical questions.

a. b. c.

6. Identify one metaphor.

7. Which quote do you think identifies the narrator's dream the most?

8. What does the narrator mean when she says, "The sweatshop was a bitter memory but a good school" (Yezierska 869)?

9. Why is it "...economy for the boss to make the worker happy?" (Yezierska 870).

10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "America is no Utopia". Why or why not?

11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “First you must become efficient in earning a living before you can indulge in your poetic dreams.” Why or why not?

12. What do you think the narrator means when she says, “Between my soul and the American soul were worlds of difference. . .”; what might these differences entail?

13. In a minimum of three sentences, discuss the *tone* of the story. Does it change throughout the story? Pay special attention to the contrast of the last paragraph!