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*Answer the following questions while reading the article. Please use complete sentences.*

1. Why did the father of the family want to come to the U.S.?
   
   He saw no future for his daughter and son in Ecuador

2. Why does the daughter fear leaving New York City?
   
   If she leaves the U.S. she will not be able to get back into the country since she is ‘illegal’

3. Why is the sister mad at her brother?
   
   Her brother was born in the U.S. meaning that he is a U.S. citizen and he can travel and visit the rest of their family in Ecuador

4. What are the three immigrant stereotypes discussed in the article?
   
   1.) that immigrant families are either legal or illegal
   
   2.) they either know they’re here to stay or bent on returning home
   
   3.) most are men on their own, without wives and children and prone to commit crimes

5. Why did the father quit his college career?
   
   Wife got pregnant so he quit school and got a factory job to start making some money to support his family which he was arranging for them to be smuggled into the U.S.

6. What is a visa?
   
   A temporary pass that allows an individual from another country temporary access to the U.S.

7. Why did the parents separate?
   
   Father was a construction worker and mother a caregiver for impoverished families put a strain on their relationship (they were always working)

8. Who owns the father’s house?
   
   The brother
   
   Why?
   
   Because he is a legal citizen
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9. How does an illegal immigrant child get legal status?

11. What areas of the world do most U.S. immigrants come from today?

12. What top five occupations for illegal immigrants?

13. What does the heading “Over Qualified and Underpaid” mean?
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She is living in the U.S. illegally.

Yes

No

Why is the sister mad at her brother?  

He wants to move to Tennessee.

Yes

Yes

No

No

Who owns the father’s house?  

The brother owns the house.

Yes

Yes/No Strategies