

UNIT 1

Évaluation

Document A

- My parents raised me to be gritty¹, never to complain or take handouts². I didn't want to have a victim mentality or be known for being undocumented. But I realized that sharing my story would be therapeutic, raise awareness, and help other underprivileged people.
- I came to America when I was just six years old. My parents grew up poor and risked so much to move us here with hopes of giving us a better life. My dad is a waiter at a small restaurant, which is enough to put food on the table and clothes on our backs. We pay taxes, abide by all laws, and don't live on welfare. As for me, I can't legally work, drive, fly, or have health insurance. I've missed out on numerous opportunities because of my situation.
- Fortunately, I was able to pursue college. Fast forward four years, I have graduated Magna Cum Laude³ in Computer Engineering from Wichita State University. I was at the top of my class, number one in my major, wrote 2 first-author papers, won research awards, and have a patent pending. Consequently, I was accepted into graduate school at Columbia University. However, due to my status, I'm unable to obtain a stipend to continue my education. Receiving DACA would grant me the opportunity to acquire the funding I need, provide for my family, and master my craft to realize my full potential. [...]
- Without DACA, many live in daily fear of deportation. I've had friends whose families were torn apart. I've seen my friends dig food out of trash cans to help feed their families. These are genuine, everyday struggles and it's easy to dismiss it because it's not happening to your family. [...] DACA alleviates some of the fear and provides hope. Many non-Native Americans seem to forget that they, too, have immigration in their blood. Just like everyone else, we simply want an opportunity to contribute to the only home that we know. Ironically, I've enjoyed the adversity, I feel alive under pressure. I'm unfazed and undocumented. I'm not going anywhere.

Kok-Leong Seow, *The New York Times: American Dreamers*, 2017

1 resolute and courageous • 2 receive money from strangers • 3 avec les félicitations du jury

Document B

DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) is an American immigration policy allowing some undocumented people having been brought to the United States as children to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and become eligible for a work permit in the U.S.

Compréhension de l'écrit

- Explain in your own words the paradoxical situation the narrator is in.
- What would DACA bring to the narrator?
- What happens if undocumented people do not get DACA?
- Explain the narrator's sentence: "Just like everyone else, we simply want an opportunity to contribute to the only home that we know." (l. 20-21)
- How does the narrator feel at the end of the text? Why?

Expression écrite

Choisissez l'un des deux sujets.

Sujet 1 : America is known as "the Land of Opportunity". Do you agree with this vision of the United States? Would you consider living there? Why (not)?

Sujet 2 : After a few months, the narrator is finally granted DACA. In a letter to a friend, he writes about his new situation and how life has changed for him and his family. Imagine the letter.