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am an American and I love my country. I feel proud to be an American. Our flag is a symbol of our freedom and our values. I have always been interested in the history of our country and I am proud to be part of it.

When I was a child, I read many books about the United States. I learned about the battles and the wars that our country fought. I learned about the people who helped to shape our nation. I learned about the presidents and the senators who made decisions that changed our country.

In school, we learned about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We learned about the Amendments that have been added over the years. We learned about the rights that we have as citizens of the United States.

I have always been proud to be an American. I have always been proud to be part of a country that is strong and free. I have always been proud to be part of a country that is respected around the world.
The key to success in this life is to be able to make a living. This is the only way to ensure that you have enough to eat and that your children can go to school. It is also important to have a good education, as this will help you to find a good job. In order to be successful, you must be willing to work hard and to take risks. You must also be able to manage your money, as this will help you to save for the future and to invest in your business.

The government should provide education and training programs to help people find good jobs. It should also provide unemployment benefits and other forms of support to help people during difficult times. In this way, the government can help to ensure that everyone has a fair chance to succeed.

In this country, we believe in the power of the individual. We believe that each person has the ability to make their own decisions and to shape their own destiny. This is why we have a system of free elections, where people can choose their leaders and their government.

We must also remember that the government is not perfect. There are times when it makes mistakes and fails to meet the needs of its citizens. In these cases, it is important to hold the government accountable and to demand that it do better.

The United States is a great country, and we are proud to be its citizens. We work hard and we are determined to make this country even greater. We believe in the American dream, and we are committed to making it a reality for everyone who lives here.
The mother is a school. She is well read. You are sure to build a nation.

The very definition of a mother is selfless service to another. We don't owe every time.

The last line, "And the sea was happy," with tears flowing down my cheeks.

The good mother, the wise mother, is more important to the community than the career of any man, no matter how successful.

1. What is Citizenship's central claim about how society views or understands motherhood?
2. What evidence does Citizenship offer to support this claim? Does her account of how motherhood is needed match your own experiences?
3. What citizenship does Citizenship offer of the economic theories described by Friedeman and Rasmus? Do you agree with her criticisms? Explain why or why not.

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