**Question 3** 23lmu21306

**a. Read the lyrics of the song below*.* Pay special attention to the two groups (boys and girls) and what they each say about living in America.**

**America -** Lyrics of the 2021 film

[…]  
  
**Anita:**  
I like the island Manhattan!  
Smoke on your pipe and put that in!  
I like to be in America!  
  
**Shark Girls:**   
Okay by me in America!  
  
**Puerto Ricans:**  
Everything free in America!  
  
**Bernardo:**  
For a small fee in America  
  
**Anita:**  
Buying on credit is so nice!  
  
**Bernardo:**  
One look at us and they charge twice!  
  
**Rosalía:**  
I have my own washing machine!  
  
**Bernardo:**  
What will you have though to keep clean?  
  
**Anita, Rosalía and Luz:**  
Skyscrapers bloom in America!  
Cadillacs zoom in America!  
Industry boom in America!  
  
**Sharks Boys:**  
Twelve in a room in America!  
  
**Anita:**  
Lots of new housing with more space  
  
**Sharks Boys:**  
Lots of doors slamming in our face!  
  
**Anita:**  
I'll get a terrace apartment  
  
**Bernardo:**  
Better get rid of your accent  
  
**Anita, Rosalía and Luz**  
Life can be bright in America  
  
**Sharks Boys**   
If you can fight in America!  
  
**Anita:**  
Life is all right in America!  
  
**Bernardo:**  
If you're all white in America!  
  
**Bernardo and Quique**   
La la la la la America!  
  
**Bernardo:**  
America!  
  
**Puerto Ricans:**  
La la la la la la, America!  
  
**Anita:**  
America!  
  
**Shark Girls:**   
Here you are free and you have pride!  
  
**Sharks Boys:**  
Long as you stay on your own side  
  
**Shark Girls:**  
Free to do anything you choose!  
  
**Sharks Boys:**  
Free to wait tables1 and shine shoes!  
  
**Bernardo:**  
Everywhere grime2 in America!  
Organized crime in America!  
Terrible time in America!  
  
**Anita:**  
You forget I'm in America  
  
**Bernardo:**  
I think I'll go back to San Juan  
  
**Anita:**  
I know a boat you can get on!  
  
**Bernardo:**  
Everyone there will give big cheer!  
  
**Anita:**  
Everyone there will have moved here

1. serve meals in a restaurant – 2. dirt

**b. For each of the following statements, say if the girl(s) or the boy(s) in the song would agree with it. Find a quote from the song to justify.**

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| **Statements** | **The girl(s)** | **The boy(s)** |
| **You can buy anything you like in America.** |  |  |
| **Racism prevails in America.** |  |  |
| **America offers a great standard of living.** |  |  |
| **There’s a lot of violence in America.** |  |  |
| **Immigrants can feel proud of themselves in America.** |  |  |
| **America is an awful place to live.** |  |  |
| **You can live in nice apartments in America.** |  |  |
| **Immigrants can only get low paid and low skilled jobs.** |  |  |
| **It is better to get back to Puerto Rico.** |  |  |
| **America is the land of freedom.** |  |  |

**c. Sum up the two visions of life in America.**

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| **Vision 1: girls** |  |
| **Vision 2: boys** |  |