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Use the summary of the beginning and middle of *Going Home, Coming Home* and the excerpt from *the end of the story* to answer the questions.

1. In the beginning of the story, Ami Chi does not want to go to Vietnam. What is one detail from the summary that supports this idea?
 - a. ...Ami Chi takes a trip to Vietnam, where her parents are from.
 - b. Ami Chi loves her ruby red house in America and feels blue on the way to Vietnam.
 - c. Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, is very busy, but the house where her mother was born is a small, quieter house near rice paddies.
 - d. She plays a game with one of the children and is excited to show her mother the game.

2. Which word best describes how Ami Chi feels after meeting new friends?
 - a. surprised
 - b. angry
 - c. unhappy
 - d. excited

3. Read paragraph 2 from the excerpt.

When I come in, she brings out a plate of fruit and gestures for me to eat. She sits by me, very close.

The word **gestures** means:

- a. tells
- b. sings
- c. motions
- d. asks

Think about both the summary and excerpt. Choose a clue from the text that helps you determine the meaning of the word **gestures**. Write the clue here.

4. Reread paragraph 2.

When I come in, she brings out a plate of fruit and gestures for me to eat. She sits by me, very close. I want to ask her the meaning of her beautiful sad song, but instead I just smile.

What is one way that Ami Chi does NOT respond to her grandmother's song?

- a. She becomes upset.
- b. She listens to the song.
- c. She wonders about the meaning of the song.
- d. She smiles at Ba ngoai.

5. How do paragraphs 11 and 12 help you understand the setting at this part in the story?

Two weeks later we pack up and all load into Uncle Binh's van. At the airport Uncle Binh says, "Be a good girl," and pinches my cheek. I don't even mind.

Ba ngoai stuffs dried bananas into my pockets, and hides rivers of tears behind her hands. We don't need to say the words for good-bye. She touches my heart with her hand, and I kiss her cheek. And then we're on our way back home to America.

- a. They show that Ami Chi is back in America.
- b. They explain how Ami Chi is at the market.
- c. They show that Ami Chi is at the airport.
- d. They show that Ami Chi is at *Ba ngoai's* house.

6. How do Ami Chi's feelings change from the beginning to the end of the story? Include details from the text to support your answer.

7. One of the big ideas in our unit is:

We understand our own identities by thinking about where we are and where we come from.

How did Ami Chi's trip to Vietnam impact her? Use details from the text to support your ideas.
