Day One No Papers, No Fear Part 1: Silent read

 \rightarrow Why are young immigrants telling their stories? Read silently.

Neriel was 16 and a sophomore in high school. He was old enough to get a driver's permit, and teachers were urging him to look at colleges. Then everything changed. Neriel related his story for the video, *Why We Rise*.

"My dad said he had some really bad news for me. He told me that I had no citizenship in America, no green card. That's when I realized that everything that I was dreaming of was fake."

Nobody had told Neriel the truth before. When he was five, Neriel's family came from Manila, in Asia, to New York City. They traveled on visitor visas to see his grandparents. Life in New York seemed much better. The family decided to "overstay," remaining in New York after their visas expired. They found jobs and an apartment.

After Neriel learned that he was in the U.S. illegally, his world turned upside down. Without papers, he realized he could never get a job. He was terrified of being detained and deported. He started fighting with his parents about this subject. Neriel's teachers kept pushing him. He applied to colleges and got acceptances. But with no legal status, he could not get money to pay the costs.

Then he met students from the Dreamers movement. The Dreamers are young immigrants who are working to change the laws. Neriel and his friends started a new group, #UndocuAsians. By telling their life stories, #UndocuAsians hope to change public opinion. We're just like you, they tell other teens. Our lives shouldn't be so different because of a piece of paper.

Source: *Why We Rise* (video funded by the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund). Retrieved from http://www.aaldef.org/raise.html#_=_

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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What secret did Neriel learn from his dad?

What are two important things that Neriel could not do?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

→ Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.

 \rightarrow Pause at each / mark for a phrase.

 \rightarrow Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.