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Day One

Meet the Dreamers

Part 1: Silent read

➔ Learn about young people who are changing the immigration debate. Read silently.

Gaby Pacheco was a top student at her Florida high school. She was also undocumented. Gaby came from Ecuador to the U.S. with her family. Growing up, she began to realize what it meant to be undocumented, an immigrant without legal papers. When Gaby turned 16, she applied for a driving permit. Because of her status, Gaby was turned away. Being deported was a constant worry. She saw her dreams slipping away. She decided to channel her anger into a fight for her future.

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Gaby and some friends participated in a protest called the Trail of Dreams. They walked from their home in Miami all the way to Washington D.C. to protest for immigration reform. After four months of walking, they arrived in the capitol. Along the way, they used Facebook and Twitter to share their journey with the world. Gaby said, “We want to show our love and all our passion and our desire to stay in the country.”

Source: “Trail of Dream students walk 1500 miles to bring immigration message to Washington,”
The Washington Post, May 1, 2010.



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Who are the Dreamers?

Why was Gaby turned down for a driver’s permit?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- 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.