



Vue Xiong

Vue lived in Thailand for about 10 years before coming to the United States.

What's your name?

My name is Vue.

How old are you?

I am going to be 12 years old.

Where were you born?

I was born in Thailand.

How many years did you live in Thailand?

I lived in Thailand for about 10 years.

Do you have any future plans?

Yes.

What are they?

I want to make money and help my parents so that they won't be poor.

Did you go to school in Thailand?

Yes, I did go to school.

How are the schools in America different from those in Thailand?

The schools in Thailand are made of straw and wood.

Do you know how to speak another language other than Hmong?

Yes, I know how to speak Thai.

Do you think learning English is harder than learning Thai?

Learning English is harder than learning Thai.

Are there things that the Hmong culture doesn't know how to do?

Yes, there are.

What kind of things?

We don't know how to speak English.

How old were you when you left Thailand to come to the U.S.?

I was 11, soon to be 12.

Why did you want to come to the United States?

In Thailand, they didn't want us anymore, so they let us come.

Did you already know people living in the United States before you came?

Yes, I knew my mom's grandma and my mom's sister.

Who helped you and your family when you arrived in the United States?

My mom's sister helped us.

When you first arrived in the United States, what did you think of it?

I was pretty scared.

When you first came, did you have any problems?

No, we didn't run into trouble.

What do you think about inter-racial dating?

I'm okay with it.

So you don't think that it's wrong?

I don't care.

What do you think about Hmong people getting married at a young age?

I don't think marrying at a young age is good. I don't like it.

What do you think about Hmong-American kids?

They are good.

Do you prefer Hmong traditions or the American traditions?

I like them both the same.

How do the stores here in the United States compare to the stores in Thailand?

In Thailand, they use wood to build the stores. The stores here are made of house materials and are better than the ones in Thailand.

How is the weather here compared to the weather in Thailand?

Here there is cool air, but in Thailand it is very hot.

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How are the clothes here compared to the clothes in Thailand?

Here, the clothes are pretty and clean. In Thailand, sand gets all over the clothes, and if you don't wash them, you wouldn't be able to wear them.

If you could go back to Thailand, would you?

Yes, I would.

Why do you want to go back?

I want to go back because over here, when you think about Thailand, you start missing the country and even start to cry. Then you just want to go back.

Do you have anything else to say?

No, I don't.