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“The Line” Documentary Questions

1. How many people are currently defined as being in poverty in the United States?

2. What is the “poverty line” in the United States for a family of 4?

3. How many young children are currently living in poverty in the United States?

4. What factors does the film point out limit the ability of people to rise above the poverty line?

5. Do you think that the people profiled in the film should have hope their situations will get better? Why or why not?

6. Do you think the American Dream (as defined as: work hard and you will be successful) is attainable for everyone in the film?

7. Did this film change your viewpoint on whether or not the American Dream is attainable?

8. Has seeing firsthand accounts changed the way you view and understand poverty? Can you picture yourself in any of their shoes? How might you handle the challenges and struggles that each of the people profiled in the film has faced?