Bette Bao was born on November 3, 1938, in Shanghai, China. Her mother named her after Bette Davis, a famous American movie star. Later, the family moved to the United States and settled in Brooklyn, a borough of New York City.

Bette was placed in the fifth grade even though she was only eight years old. She did not speak English, and she was the only Chinese student in her class.

But Bette eventually learned English, studied hard, and made friends. After college, she married a man named Winston Lord. In 1971, he helped the United States and China form ties with each other for the first time in more than twenty years.

Bette traveled to China with Winston. The trip connected her to the Chinese side of her life. She had been in America for so long that she had forgotten how to speak Chinese. She had to learn it again.

Bette had lived in two different countries and now spoke two languages. When she returned to America, she decided to write a book about China. She wanted to tell Americans about her homeland and its people.

Bette’s book, *Spring Moon*, was sold around the world and got some great reviews. People enjoyed this story of a Chinese family dealing with the changes going on in their country. Bette was often asked to speak about the book and her experiences as a Chinese American.
Answer the questions. You may reread parts of the passage to help you.

1. Read this sentence from the passage.

   Later, the family moved to the United States and settled in Brooklyn, a borough of New York City.

   Which word has the most SIMILAR meaning to the word *borough* as used in the sentence above?
   
   A. farm  
   B. leader  
   C. river  
   D. section

2. What did Bette do BEFORE she married Winston Lord?
   
   A. She wrote a book.  
   B. She went to college.  
   C. She traveled to China.  
   D. She spoke about being a Chinese American.

3. What did Bette have to relearn as an adult?
   
   A. how to read  
   B. how to write  
   C. how to speak Chinese  
   D. how to speak English

4. Why did Bette write a book?
   
   A. to tell Americans about China  
   B. to tell her children about her mother  
   C. to tell Chinese people about America  
   D. to tell her mother about her travels to China

5. List two things that Bette Bao accomplished. Write your response on another sheet of paper.