General questions

1. What underlying social and economic issues can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?

2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

Further exploration

1. The U.S. was already facing a nursing shortage before the pandemic. Do you think that people are less likely to become nurses because of the conditions faced during the pandemic?

2. Are there other industries facing staff shortages in your community that might benefit from international recruitment? Are some industries more suited to international recruitment than others?

3. What are some reasons why America faces a nurse shortage and how might we solve this with U.S-born workers?

4. How might the continual recruitment of international nurses to rural towns across the U.S. might impact the culture of these areas? If so, how?