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Dream Chasers

Directions: Read each short story below. Then write the American Dream value it best represents: **freedom, equality, hard work, or innovation.**

1. Ruby Bridges was only six years old when she bravely attended an all-white school in 1960, helping to break down barriers in education.

Value: _____

2. Thomas Edison worked tirelessly on dozens of experiments that failed before finally creating a practical electric light bulb that changed everyday life.

Value: _____

3. Frederick Douglass escaped slavery and later used his powerful voice and writings to help others gain their rights and freedom.

Value: _____

4. Dolores Huerta fought for the rights of farmworkers, helping them gain fair pay and better working conditions.

Value: _____

5. Oprah Winfrey overcame poverty and many challenges in her childhood, working hard to become a successful talk show host and entrepreneur.

Value: _____

6. Steve Jobs imagined new technology and helped create devices like smartphones and personal computers that transformed how people connect.

Value: _____

Final Response: Write 3-4 sentences explaining why the American Dream can be reached in different ways. Include an example from the stories above.
