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Chinese Cinderella

Intro-Chapter 1

Please read each chapter carefully. After you complete your reading, please answer the following comprehension questions using complete sentences.

Author's Note

1. According to the author, what is the reason "a person can learn to read and write Chinese without knowing how to speak one word"?
2. What are the two things Mrs. Yen Mah would like the reader to gain from Chinese Cinderella?

Preface

1. According to Adeline Yen Mah, what are the essential behaviors of a Chinese child? (preface, xii,) there are five items:

3. Explain the many names each Chinese person has. (preface, xii-xiii)
4. Write the number 100 in Chinese.

Top of the Class

1. What did the narrator receive from kindergarten and why did she receive it?
2. What affectionate term does Aunt Baba call the narrator?
3. Why does Big Sister have anger toward the narrator?

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Chapter 2-Chapter 4

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A Tianjin Family

1. How long after the children's mother's death was it before Father remarried?

How old was Niang at the time?

How old was Father?

2. Describe Niang:

3. What does "Niang" mean in Chinese?

4. How did Adeline and Aunt Baba become closer?

5. Explain at least three ways in which China was affected by losing the Opium War.

Nai Nai's Bound Feet

1. How did the Chinese tradition of binding feet affect Nai Nai in her old age?

2. How is Adeline treated by:

Nai Nai?

Big Brother?

Big Sister?

Third Brother?

3. What two events made Adeline happy at the dinner table?

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4. How did Big Sister and the siblings get back at Adeline for getting attention from father at the dinner table?

Life in Tianjin

1. In what way is Adeline's life at St. Joseph's different than at home?
2. What is a rickshaw?
3. Who is Ah Mao?
4. How does Big Sister treat Adeline on the way home from school?
5. What did the family do to recognize Adeline's special award?
6. Why did Father disappear?
7. Describe elements of Nai Nai's Buddhist funeral.
8. The oldest woman is the "head of household". Predict how Nai Nai's death is going to affect the family.