

**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon - 8th Grade Reading Comprehension Questions**

**Due: Monday, May 24th, 2021.** Remember to answer in complete sentences or points will be deducted.

1. What is the setting of the story in Chapter 1?
2. The crop grown by the villagers was:
3. How was Minli different from the rest of the villagers?
4. What was your impression of the Jade Dragon?
5. What caused you to form this impression?
6. Fruitless Mountain would remain bare until:
7. What did the goldfish man promise to the one who purchased a bowl of goldfish?
8. Who did the Old Man of the Moon say that the magistrate's son would marry?
9. What did the magistrate do to try to prevent this from happening?
10. How was his plan ruined?
11. Where did the Old Man of the Moon live?
12. Why did Minli get up in the middle of the night?
13. What prompted her to do this?
14. How was she rewarded for her troubles?
15. The protagonist in most novels is the main character or "good guy". The main character of *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* is a young girl who lived in China many years ago. Who is the protagonist of this novel?
16. Character motivation is the reason behind a character's behaviors and actions in a story. Motivations are vital needs: they might be external needs and relate to surviving a situation, but they might also be psychological needs, such as love or professional achievement. What is the protagonist's motivation in this novel?
17. Think back on some of your favorite characters from past novels you have read or movies you've seen. What do you think makes for an especially interesting protagonist in your opinion?
18. The opposite of the protagonist or "good guy" of the story is the antagonist or "bad guy". The antagonist often stands in the way of the main character's motivation, or what the main character wants. Who is the antagonist in this novel? Is there more than one antagonist?
19. How does the antagonist stand in the way of the protagonist's motivation in this novel?

**Vocabulary: Choose a word from the list to complete each sentence.**

**Word bank:** meager      impulsive      reverence      indignant      anguish  
envious      manipulation      enthralled

20. The queen was very proud of the \_\_\_\_\_ which the people paid to her.
21. Jonathan was most \_\_\_\_\_ when his uncle accused him of stealing.
22. Felicia was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ at the thought of being lost in the woods.
23. Casper was quite \_\_\_\_\_ of his sister when she received a bike for Christmas.
24. The beautiful actress left all of the servicemen \_\_\_\_\_ when she sang for them.
25. The peasant's \_\_\_\_\_ diet consisted mainly of beans and boiled water.

26. The wicked man's \_\_\_\_\_ of the villagers began years ago.
27. The hockey player's \_\_\_\_\_ action cost his team a goal.
28. The quatrain is a popular form of rhymed verse. It is a poem of four lines, is usually light and can be humorous. The following quatrain entitled *My Pet Dragon*, was written by the humorous poet, Atrocious Halitosis.

*A dragon makes a dandy pet* (A)  
*It don't shed and it don't sweat.* (A)  
*It lazes round the house all day* (B)  
*And doesn't have a lot to say.* (B)

Various rhyming schemes make up a quatrain poem. As you can see, the above four lines have a rhyming scheme of AABB. Your task is to write your own quatrain poem. The theme should have something to do with the themes established in the first four chapters of our novel. Your poem must follow the format of a quatrain poem described above (and must rhyme).

Poem Title:

29. A simile is a comparison using the words “like” or “as”. An example from Chapter 1 is: “... his black eyes sparkled like raindrops in the sun...” What is being compared in this example?
30. Invent your own similes comparing the following items with something from your own imagination:
- a) The speed of a race horse:
  - b) The beauty of the northern lights:
  - c) Your choice:
  - d) Your choice:
31. Many authors enjoy using alliteration – a literary device where the author repeats the same sound at the beginning of several words. Here are two such examples: from Chapter 2: “... seeing her parents patiently working, *backs bent*...” Using your imagination, create your own examples of alliteration from the following topics. Each example must contain a minimum of three words.
- a) A dragon in flight:
  - b) A barren mountain:
  - c) Your choice:
  - d) Your choice:
32. Storyboard: A storyboard is a series of pictures that tell about an important event in a story. A storyboard can tell the story of only one scene, or the entire novel. Make a storyboard below illustrating the main events in the story. You may wish to practice your drawings on a separate piece of paper.