

MULIAN

Examples of Ancient Chinese Culture

We will be viewing Disney's Mulian to understand different cultural aspects of ancient China. Answer the following questions while watching the movie.

1. List ten different facts/ideas that you recall about ancient China.
2. How does Mulian and her family honor her ancestors? Give at least three different examples.
3. What do you notice about gender roles? List out five different examples of gender roles for both men and women.
4. Explain why you believe that Mulian took her father's place. Do you think that she felt that she could bring her family honor?
5. What is "honor" in the film? What does it mean to Mulian and her family? Give reasoning.
6. Who are the Huns?
7. What significance is The Great Wall of China in the movie? What is the meaning of the wall?
8. Why do you think that there so much importance on the matchmaker in ancient China?
9. Give an example of feudalism that is evident in the film.
10. "A single grain of rice can tip the scale. One man can make the difference between victory and defeat". Explain this quote.
11. List out some of the advances that you notice in the film that relates to our reading of ancient China. Give at least five examples.
12. What examples of Confucianism are evident in the video? List at least three.
13. "I know my place. It's time you learned yours". Explain this quote and the relationship to the ancient Chinese shaping behavior.

14. Using the idea of proper human behavior, explain why Mulan's father does not bring Mulan back.

15. Explain what Mushu's job truly is.

16. Why would the fact that Mulan being a woman takes precedence over the fact that Mulan is a good soldier?

17. Why would nobody listen to Mulan when she is in the Imperial City?

18. "You said that you trusted Ping. Why is Mulan any different?" Explain this quote.

19. "Take this, so your family will know what you have done for me." Explain this quote in reference to the idea of family honor.

20. Given the reading regarding social norms and roles in ancient China, why is it so significant that the emperor honors Mulan?