

**Vocabulary:** Draw a line from each word on the left to its definition on the right. Then use the numbered words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

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| 1. maimed      | a. consent or agreement                 |
| 2. mesmerized  | b. in a harsh and bullying way          |
| 3. assent      | c. crippled                             |
| 4. imperiously | d. completely captured the attention of |
| 5. extolled    | e. praised highly                       |

1. Her performance on the violin was \_\_\_\_\_ by the critics.
2. I hope my teacher will give her \_\_\_\_\_ to my plan for the science project.
3. By treating his workers \_\_\_\_\_, the boss caused many to quit.
4. The singer was so appealing that she \_\_\_\_\_ her audience.
5. Many people are \_\_\_\_\_ in automobile accidents every year.

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why does Aunt Baba put Adeline’s school achievement certificate in her safe-deposit box?

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2. Why is Adeline considered “bad luck” by her siblings?

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3. Why was the French influence so strong in Tianjin after the Opium War?

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4. How did having her feet bound as a child affect Nai Nai?

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5. What affect does Adeline's medal have on her siblings?

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6. Why does life seem better than ever for Adeline after her father, stepmother, and younger brother leave Tianjin?

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**Literary Elements: Setting** – In literature, the setting is the time and place in which the story occurs.

What is the setting of this book?

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What details about the setting make the characters' times and lifestyles seem real?

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**Characterization** – Characters in literature are revealed by what they say and do and by what others say about them. In the chart below, list important information you have learned about the characters in the book. Continue to fill in the chart as you read.

<b>Character</b>	<b>Physical Appearance</b>	<b>Personality Traits</b>
Adeline		
Father		
Niang		
Aunt Baba		
Ye Ye		
Nai Nai		
Big Sister		

Big Brother		
Second Brother		
Third Brother		

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**Chapter 5 – 8**

**Vocabulary:** Synonyms are words with similar meanings. Draw a line from each word in column A to its synonym in column B. Then use the words in column A to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

- | A            | B            |
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| 1. devout    | a. twisted   |
| 2. dispersed | b. ranking   |
| 3. contorted | c. religious |
| 4. melee     | d. fight     |
| 5. contrite  | e. scattered |
| 6. hierarchy | f. sorry     |

- Many people were hurt in the \_\_\_\_\_ that broke out among the demonstrators.
- Truly \_\_\_\_\_ for speakers out of turn in class, the student was on his best behavior for the rest of the day.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ monk spends most of his day in prayer.
- As soon as the concert ended, the crowd \_\_\_\_\_.
- We made a chart to show the \_\_\_\_\_ of positions in the corporation.
- The accident victim's face was \_\_\_\_\_ in pain.

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

- When Adeline and her full siblings first come to Shanghai, how does Niang regulate their lives?

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- Why does Niang beat Little Sister?

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3. How does Adeline incur Niang's rage?

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4. Why does Adeline refuse to beg Niang for tram fare even after all of her siblings have done so?

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**Chapter 9 – 10**

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why are Niang's stepchildren disappointed in the clothing they receive for the New Year?

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2. How does Niang divide the loyalty of her stepchildren?

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3. Why does Adeline strive very hard to do well in school?

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4. Why does Adeline resist accepting a ride from Wu Cheun-mei's father during a terrible storm?

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5. How does Third Brother betray Adeline?

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**Vocabulary:** Use the context to help choose the best meaning for the underlined word in each of the following sentences. Circle the letter of the meaning you choose.

- 1. I won't live in the tropics because I've always had an aversion to heat.  
 a. weakness              b. dislike              c. attraction              d. indifference
- 2. With the score tied, the tension in the stands seemed palpable as the batter stepped up to the plate.  
 a. doubtful              b. vague              c. minimal              d. obvious
- 3. After denouncing the thief to the police, the witness agreed to testify against him at the trial.  
 a. speaking up for      b. running from      c. speaking badly of      d. not identifying

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why does Second Brother beat Adeline?

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2. How does Third Brother try to comfort Adeline after PTL's death?

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3. Compare Adeline's and Big Sister's reaction to the idea of an arranged marriage?

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4. Why does Big Sister beg Aunt Baba not to tell Niang about the jade necklace she received as a wedding gift from Grand Aunt?

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5. How does Big Sister simultaneously endear herself to Niang and denounce Aunt Baba?

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**Literary Elements: Imagery** –Imagery is language that appeals to the senses. Many images are visual – that is, they create pictures in the reader's mind by appealing to the sense of sight. However, images can also appeal to the senses of touch, taste, smell, and hearing. For example:

A faint cool breeze was blowing in from the river, sweeping away the mist and clouds.

What two senses are being appealed to in this image?

Magnolia blossoms were in full bloom, dotting the tree like giant white ribbon bows fringed by dark green leaves, and scenting the air with a fresh, delightful fragrance.

What two senses are being appealed to in the image?

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**Chapter 13 – 14**

**Vocabulary:** Use the context to determine the meaning of the underlined word in each of the following sentences. Then compare your own definition with a dictionary definition.

1. Extremely busy and annoyed, the shopkeeper brusquely replied to the children's request for directions.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

2. Awed by being in the presence of the powerful king, the humble man bowed tremendously.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

3. After his girlfriend agreed to marry him, his face was suffused with happiness.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

4. The crowd cheered in wild exuberance as the popular singer took the stage.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

5. Everyone in school knows that insolence towards a teacher will result in at least one day of detention.

Your definition \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why does Adeline finally agree to go to Wu Chun-mei's house to celebrate her birthday?

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2. Why does Father whip Adeline? With that further punishment does he threaten Adeline?

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3. How does winning the school election cause more problems at home for Adeline?

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4. Why does Aunt Baba call Adeline's exceptional grades her "secret weapon"?

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**Chapter 15 – 16**

**Vocabulary:** Antonyms are words with opposite meanings. Draw a line from each word in column A to its antonym in column B. Then use the words in column A to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

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1. intermingled
2. stoical
3. unobtrusive
4. euphoric
5. covet

B.

- a. uproar
- b. despairing
- c. dislike
- d. complaining
- e. noticeable

1. It is better to be satisfied with things you possess than it is to \_\_\_\_\_ those of your friends.
2. The fans were \_\_\_\_\_ after their team won the championship for the first time in thirty years.
3. The artist \_\_\_\_\_ blues and reds in her painting.
4. She dressed plainly in dark clothes to be as \_\_\_\_\_ as possible.
5. Even though she suffered much during the war, the woman remained \_\_\_\_\_, not letting anyone know her grief.

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. How does November 30<sup>th</sup> become Adeline's birthday?

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2. Why does Adeline feel like a piece of garbage that has been tossed aside when she is taken to her new school?

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3. Why does the political situation in Tianjin make it a dangerous place for Adeline?

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4. How does Adeline come to be the only student in St. Joseph?

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5. How does Victor's attitude towards his sister differ from that of Adeline's brothers towards her?

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6. What difference does Adeline detect in Ye Ye when she arrives in Hong Kong?

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**Chapter 17 – 19**

**Vocabulary:** Choose a word from the Word Box to replace each underlined word or phrase with a word that has a similar meaning. Write the word you choose on the line below the sentence.

WORD BOX

besieged      feigned      indelible      perpetrator  
ensconced      illustrious      ostensible      precariously

1. We decided not to skate because the ice was dangerously thin.

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2. The judge sentenced the guilty person.

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3. A group of fans crowded around the movie star.

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4. The candidate made a permanent impression on us.

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5. When a very famous scientist gave a lecture at the university, every seat in the auditorium was filled.

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6. The little boy pretended illness to get this mother's attention.

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7. The cat was settled comfortably and firmly in the armchair.

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8. Although the job was advertised supposedly as a management position, it was really nothing more than a secretarial situation.

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**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why is Forth Brother angry at Adeline on the car ride to Sacred Heart?

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2. What silent promise did Adeline make to Ye Ye after the incident with encyclopedias?

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3. Why is Adeline relieved when she finds out she is to be a boarder at Sacred Heart?

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4. Why does Adeline call the library her sanctuary?

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5. Why does Adeline feel sorry for herself at the end of the term?

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**Literary Elements: Characterization** –Create a list of ten physical traits that Adeline possesses that allow her to survive her difficult life.

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**Chapter 20 – 22**

**Vocabulary:** Word analogies are equations in which the first pair of words has the same relationship as the second pair of words. For example, TINY is to HUGE as EXCITING is to BORING. Both pair of words are opposites. Choose a word from the Word Box to complete each of the analogies below.

WORD BOX

derogatory      exhorting      trepidation      garnered

1. COMPLIMENT is to FLATTERING as INSULT is to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is to DREAD as INTELLIGENCE is to GENIUS.
3. RESCUED is to SAVED as \_\_\_\_\_ is to EARNED.
4. DISCOURAGING is to \_\_\_\_\_ as LOSING is to RETRIEVING.

**Questions:** Answer each question with a minimum of one complete sentence.

1. Why does Niang allow Adeline to come home for a week?

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2. How have things improved for Third Brother since Adeline that saw him?

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3. Why does Ye Ye think it is unfortunate that Lydia and her husband returned?

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4. How does Niang made Adeline feel even worse at Ye Ye's funeral?

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5. What fate does Niang have in mind for Adeline when school ends that summer?

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6. Why does Father agree to send Adeline to college in England?

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**Literary Elements: Characterization** – Aunt Baba compares Adeline to Ye Xian , a fictional character. Use a Venn diagram to do your own comparison of Adeline and Ye Xian. In the overlapping part of the circles, write the qualities they have in common, and the non-overlapping part characteristics that are unique to each character.

