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Chinese/Asian Stereotypes and Historical Background – Things I Need to Know

Comprehension/Guided Reading Questions:

1. What is a parable?

2. What is the message of the parable on pp. 23-24? Why is this important to ABC?

3. What is the significance of the conversation with the herbalist on pp. 27-29?

4. Compare and contrast Jin’s new life with his life in San Francisco’s Chinatown.

5. What is ironic about the bullies on the playground and what they say to Jin on pp. 32-33?

6. Who is Jin's first "friend" at Mayflower Elementary? Describe their friendship.

7. Why does Jin say he wants to beat up Wei-Chen (p. 36)?

8. Why does Jin treat Wei-Chen the way he does on pp. 37-38?

9. What is significant about Wei-Chen's toy robot?

Character Sketch:

3 Words to Describe this Character in this Section- Explain why!

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1 Important Quote this Character Says in this Section – Explain why it’s imnportant and give the page number.

What does this character do in this chapter/section that could significantly impact/change the plot of the whole story? Be specific; cite textual evidence and include a page number.

How does this character relate to one of the major themes we are looking at (pick one): struggle to find one’s cultural identity, stereotyping and/or acceptance, or teen angst? Be specific; cite textual evidence and include a page number.

Thought & Discussion Questions:

“It’s easy to become anything you wish… so long as you’re willing to forfeit your soul” (p. 29).

What does this quote mean to you? What do you think is the real message?

List 5 stereotypes that are presented in this chapter. Which one do you think is the most significant for Jin? Why?