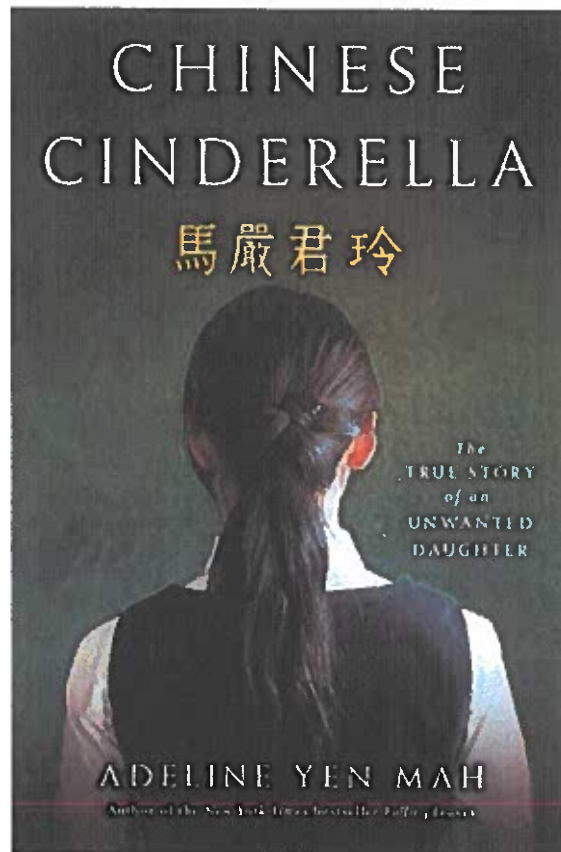


# Incoming Grade 6 Social Studies Summer Assignment



**Due Date:**



## *Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah

### Study Guide

Use this study guide to help you better understand the book. As you read each chapter, answer the following questions in the spaces provided. Keep your work neatly stored in a folder. Papers that are badly crumpled will not be accepted in September.

### Historical Background of China

An overview of the history of China (B.C.E. means "Before the Common Era"; it is the same as B.C.).

- 1765–1122 B.C.E.: Shang Dynasty ruled eastern Yellow River Valley.
- 1122–256: Zhou (or Chou) Dynasty ruled eastern China.
- 770–476: Spring and Autumn Period: rule by feudal lords under nominal Zhou king.
- 550–250: Age of the Hundred Schools (of philosophy).
- 551–479 (approx.): Confucius (Kung Fuzi) develops Confucian philosophy.
- 475–221: Warring States period: Qin, Zhao, Yan, Qin, Haan, Chu, and Wei states in conflict.
- 221–206: Qin (or Ch'in) Dynasty, China's first strong central government; founded by Shi Huangdi (originally King Zheng; called himself Qin Shihuang).
- 214: Great Wall begun by connecting older walls of different kingdoms, possibly 200s or 100s B.C.E. Tao Te Ching is written, presenting ideas of Taoism.
- 202 B.C.E.–220 A.D.: Han Dynasty.
- 145–90 B.C.E.: Sima Qian writes Shiji (Historical Record). Published 73–54 B.C.E.
- 65 A.D.: Missionaries from India bring Buddhism to China.
- 220–581 A.D.: China divided into three kingdoms under a series of dynasties.
- 502–546 A.D.: Buddhism popularized by Emperor Wu.
- 581–618: Sui Dynasty reunites China.
- 618–907: Tang Dynasty.
- 960–1279: Song (or Sung) Dynasty.
- 1279–1368: Mongols (Yuan Dynasty) control China.
- 1368–1644: Ming Dynasty.
- 1644–1912: Qing (or Ch'ing) Dynasty: Manchus.
- 1842: Treaty of Nanking; United Kingdom takes Hong Kong.
- 1851–1864: Taiping Rebellion, a series of uprisings against the Qing dynasty by a group combining Christian and traditional Chinese ideas with a demand for land redistribution.
- 1900: Boxer Rebellion, a bloody uprising by a Chinese sect against foreigners and those who cooperated with them, including missionaries and Chinese Christians.
- 1912: Republic of China established under Sun Yat-sen.
- 1916–1928: Fighting between Nationalists, Communists, and northern warlords.
- 1928: Nationalists under Chiang Kai-shek unite most of China.
- 1931: Japan seizes Manchuria.
- 1931: Communists set up rival Chinese government in southern and central China.
- 1934–5: Mao Tse-tung leads Chinese Communists on "Long March."

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- 1937–1945: War with Japan.
- 1945–1949: Civil war between Nationalists and Communists.
- 1949: Chinese Communists defeat Nationalists; People's Republic of China established.
- 1957–1975: Vietnam War; China supports Communist North Vietnam.
- 1966–1976: Cultural Revolution.
- 1976: Mao Tse-tung dies.
- 1977: Deng Xiaoping becomes vice premier of China; most powerful leader of China until early 1990s.
- 1984: United Kingdom and China sign agreement for return of Hong Kong, which will retain much autonomy and a free-market economy for 50 years.
- 1989: Tiananmen Square pro-democracy demonstrations end in massacre of students.
- 1993: Jiang Zemin becomes president of China.
- 1997: China regains Hong Kong.
- 1999: China regains Macao from Portugal.
- 2003: Hu Jintao becomes president of China.

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**Part 1: Reading Comprehension Questions**

Answer each question in the space provided in complete sentences.

<p>Why is Adeline considered bad luck?</p>	
<p>How many brothers and sisters does Adeline have? What are they like?</p>	
<p>What does Adeline feel she must do to make her family proud of her?</p>	
<p>How do people who are native to Tianjin feel about Japan? Why?</p>	
<p>What does their home life in Shanghai seem like?</p>	
<p>What happens to Adeline on her first day of 1<sup>st</sup> grade in Shanghai?</p>	

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How does Little Sister respond to Niang? Why does she act like this? How does Niang react?	
How do Adeline's parents respond to the wishes for tram (train) fare? How does Adeline decide to deal with the tram fare issue? How do Adeline's siblings deal with it?	
What is it that Adeline yearns for the most?	
What special award does Adeline win? What do Adeline's brothers do in recognition of her accomplishment?	
What is Adeline's and Third Brother's relationship like?	
When was the first time Big Sister was kind to Adeline? Why?	
When she gets home what does Adeline tell Wu Chun-mei that hurts her? How is Adeline punished?	

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What did Adeline's classmate do to surprise her? How did Adeline feel about this? How did Niang react to this surprise?	
Where did Adeline ask to go instead of Hong Kong? Why?	
How did the Schilling children react when Adeline was not going sightseeing and shopping with them?	
Why did the waiter change his mind and see Niang so quickly?	
What does Adeline find out while she was in the bathroom?	
What happened at the end of the school year?	
What did the girls at school nickname Adeline? How does Adeline feel about this?	

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How does Adeline feel about herself in Chapter 21?	
What does Aunt Baba confess in her letter?	



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**Part 2: Chinese Culture Research**

Research an aspect of Chinese culture that interests you. For example:

- Traditional dress
- Religion
- Sport

You need to list at least three facts about the topic you have chosen and make sure you list the websites you have used in your bibliography.

<b>Topic:</b>
<b>Fact 1</b>
<b>Fact 2</b>
<b>Fact 3</b>
<b>Bibliography</b>

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After you research your three facts, explain how this aspect of Chinese culture is different from or similar to our culture in the United States by writing a paragraph of at least 6-7 sentences in the space below. Make sure you start off your paragraph with a thesis statement where you restate and answer the question.

**Example of a good thesis statement:** (Aspect of Chinese Culture) is different from our culture in the United States in three ways: (Reason #1), (Reason #2), and (Reason #3).

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**Part 3: Web Quest**

Click on the link and answer questions for six (6) of the nine (9) topics in a paragraph of 6-7 sentences in the spaces provided on the following pages.

Topic	Web Address
<b>A Brief History of China</b>	<a href="http://history-world.org/a_brief_history_of_china.htm">http://history-world.org/a_brief_history_of_china.htm</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is Confucius? Why was he important in Chinese history?</li> <li>What is Taoism? What are the major beliefs of it?</li> </ul> <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_China#Names">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_China#Names</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When was the Republic of China established?</li> <li>What dynasty was replaced?</li> <li>What are the dates of this Republic?</li> </ul>
<b>Chinese Language</b>	<a href="http://chineseculture.about.com/od/thechineselanguage/a/calques.htm">http://chineseculture.about.com/od/thechineselanguage/a/calques.htm</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List and explain any three of the 10 expressions borrowed from the Chinese.</li> </ul> <a href="http://chineseculture.about.com/od/thechineselanguage/a/loanwords.htm">http://chineseculture.about.com/od/thechineselanguage/a/loanwords.htm</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List and explain any five of the 10 English words that are borrowed from Chinese.</li> </ul>
<b>Chinese Foot Binding</b>	<a href="http://www.sfmuseum.org/chin/foot.html">http://www.sfmuseum.org/chin/foot.html</a> <a href="http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=8966942">http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=8966942</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the process of foot binding</li> </ul>
<b>Chinese Family Life</b>	<a href="http://www.chinaunique.com/educate/culture.htm#family">http://www.chinaunique.com/educate/culture.htm#family</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarize typical family life in China.</li> <li>How many children may families have?</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.gendercide.org/case_infanticide.html">http://www.gendercide.org/case_infanticide.html</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which gender is preferred in China?</li> <li>What is gendercide?</li> </ul>
<b>Role of Women in China</b>	<a href="http://acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinwomn.html">http://acc6.its.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~phalsall/texts/chinwomn.html</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What has been the traditional role of women in China?</li> <li>How has the role of women changed?</li> </ul>
<b>Chinese Calligraphy</b>	<a href="http://www.chinapage.org/calligraphy.html">http://www.chinapage.org/calligraphy.html</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is calligraphy?</li> <li>What does Chinese writing look like?</li> </ul> <a href="http://chineseculture.about.com/library/name/blname.htm">http://chineseculture.about.com/library/name/blname.htm</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click one of the letters below to see a list of names. Find your first name. Copy down the Chinese equivalent.</li> </ul>
<b>Chinese Calendar</b>	<a href="http://www.educ.uvic.ca/faculty/mroth/438/CHINA/chinese_new_year.html">http://www.educ.uvic.ca/faculty/mroth/438/CHINA/chinese_new_year.html</a> <a href="http://www.chinese.new-year.co.uk/calendar.htm">http://www.chinese.new-year.co.uk/calendar.htm</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On what do the Chinese base their calendar?</li> <li>Chinese years are named for what?</li> <li>What animal is this the year of?</li> </ul>
<b>The Author</b>	<a href="http://www.adelineyenmah.com/">http://www.adelineyenmah.com/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summarize the life of this author.</li> </ul>
<b>Mahjongg</b>	<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahjong">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahjong</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the rules of the game.</li> </ul>

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Topic #2:

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Topic #3:

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Topic #5: