

# HKIS LA Grade 8 ~ Reading: Summative Assessment

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## Reading Response and Comprehension Questions Chinese Cinderella

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**Answer all 4 questions in full and complete sentences in the space provided. Stay within the text box, and write a one paragraph answer for each question. Make sure that you include specific details from the story to support your responses.**

**1) What can you tell about Adeline's family and how they live?**

I could tell that Adeline's family really follows Confucianism rule "Respect your elders". "Though you may think you're an expert in both Chinese and English, your Chinese is actually rather elementary. As for your English don't you think that the native English speakers can write better than you" and "I waited in silence. I did not wish to contradict him". The quotes suggest that her family don't "contradict" their elders and they don't question the elders, they just follow along to what their elders say and do as they say.

Did you answer this?

**2) What sort of character does Adeline have? What kind of relationship does Adeline have with her family, especially with her father? How do you know this?**

Adeline's character is someone who wants to please everyone, no matter what she has to do. "I waited in silence. I did not wish to contradict him" From this you could tell that she does not want to disobey her father and what he wishes for her to do a profession when she grows up. I think that Adeline respects her father's decision and does not argue with him, even if it is not what she had in mind or what she wanted to study. "Agree? Of course I agree". From this quote you could tell that no matter what her father asked her to study she will do it, she will still do it because she respects her father and does not want to disappoint him.

**3) What do you think was Adeline Yen Mah's purpose in writing about this incident? What effect do you think she wants to have on her readers?**

I think that Adeline Yen Mah's purpose in writing about this is to remind us how lucky we are to have a family that cares about us, and how fortunate we are. "She was rejected by her dominating stepmother and despised her by her brothers and sisters. She was sent to boarding school in Hong Kong and left there" from this you could tell that she was never really loved as a little girl because nearly everyone in her family hated her. I think the effect she wants to have on her readers is to be happy that you have a loving family because there are people around the world who are in the same situation, as Adeline or they don't have a family that could love them.