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This means that Adeline's family members had died in the past. Also, she has a stepmother (as said in the introduction), so we can infer that her first mother had died. If Adeline's mother hadn't died, another family member must have. Adeline doesn't have a good relationship with her family. As it says in the introduction on the first page, "Adeline should have had an enviable childhood, but she was rejected by her dominating stepmother and despised by her brothers and sisters." It doesn't mention Adeline's father, but from page three we can infer that Adeline's father only uses her as a claim to fame. On page three when Adeline tells us, "He looked radiant. For once, he was proud of me." This means that Adeline's father was not easily impressed and Adeline had to win a huge prize just to be noticed by her father.

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 the reason Adeline wrote this piece was to tell people that just because someone's family is wealthy, it doesn't mean that they live a good life. An example would be on page three when Adeline's father agrees to let Adeline go to England, "I do believe you have potential. Tell me, what would you study?" This proves that Adeline's family has enough money to send her to England and to a good university. When Adeline's father tells her not to be a writer on page three, Adeline tells us, "I waited in silence. I did not wish to contradict him." This shows that Adeline doesn't have the courage to speak to her father, meaning her father hasn't raised her well. Adeline wants readers to experience what she has experienced.

4) Think carefully about the title, "**Chinese Cinderella**" and the incident the author writes about. ~ With reference to the extract, clearly explain why you think it is or is not an appropriate title.

I think it is an appropriate title because the incident is very similar to the fairy tale, "Cinderella". An example of this would be at the introduction on page one, "...rejected by her dominating stepmother and despised by her brothers and sisters." This shows that, just like the fairy tale, Adeline is hated by her family.