

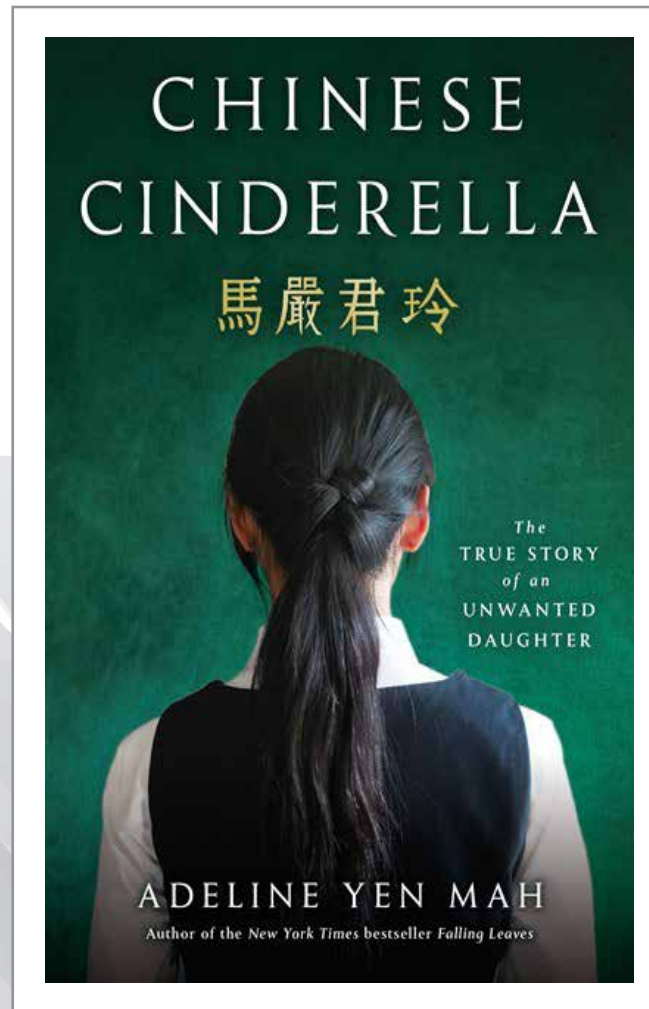


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GRADES 9-12

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READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT

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**Directions:** Use the map to answer the following questions. Refer to the map as you read the book.

1. Study the map of China. Are most cities located in China's eastern or western section?
2. What major bodies of water border China on the east?
3. Locate the cities of Tianjin and Shanghai on the map. What geographical advantage do these cities share for trade with other countries?
4. Locate Hong Kong on the map. Which direction is Hong Kong from the cities of Tianjin and Shanghai?
5. Locate Taiwan on the map. Which direction is it from Shanghai? from Hong Kong? What kind of landform is Taiwan?



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**Chapters 18–20, pp. 162–182**

1. How does Adeline make Fourth Brother angry?
2. Why does the little girl hold a placard at the entrance to the Peninsula Hotel?
3. Why is Adeline happy to find out she is admitted as a boarder at Sacred Heart?
4. In what year do Adeline’s “miserable Sunday” experiences take place?
5. How old is Adeline if she is three years younger than Monica Lim?
6. Why does Adeline refuse the egg numbered for her?
7. What do her classmates call Adeline when she skips a grade?
8. Why does Monica make unkind remarks about Adeline?
9. Why does Adeline hide during Sunday visiting hours?
10. Why is Adeline so moved by Shakespeare’s *King Lear*?
11. What is Adeline’s “refugee costume”?
12. Why doesn’t Adeline pack for the holidays like other boarders?
13. Why is Adeline hospitalized?
14. Where does Adeline want to go to college?
15. Who encourages Adeline to create her destiny?

**Chapters 21–22, pp. 183–197**

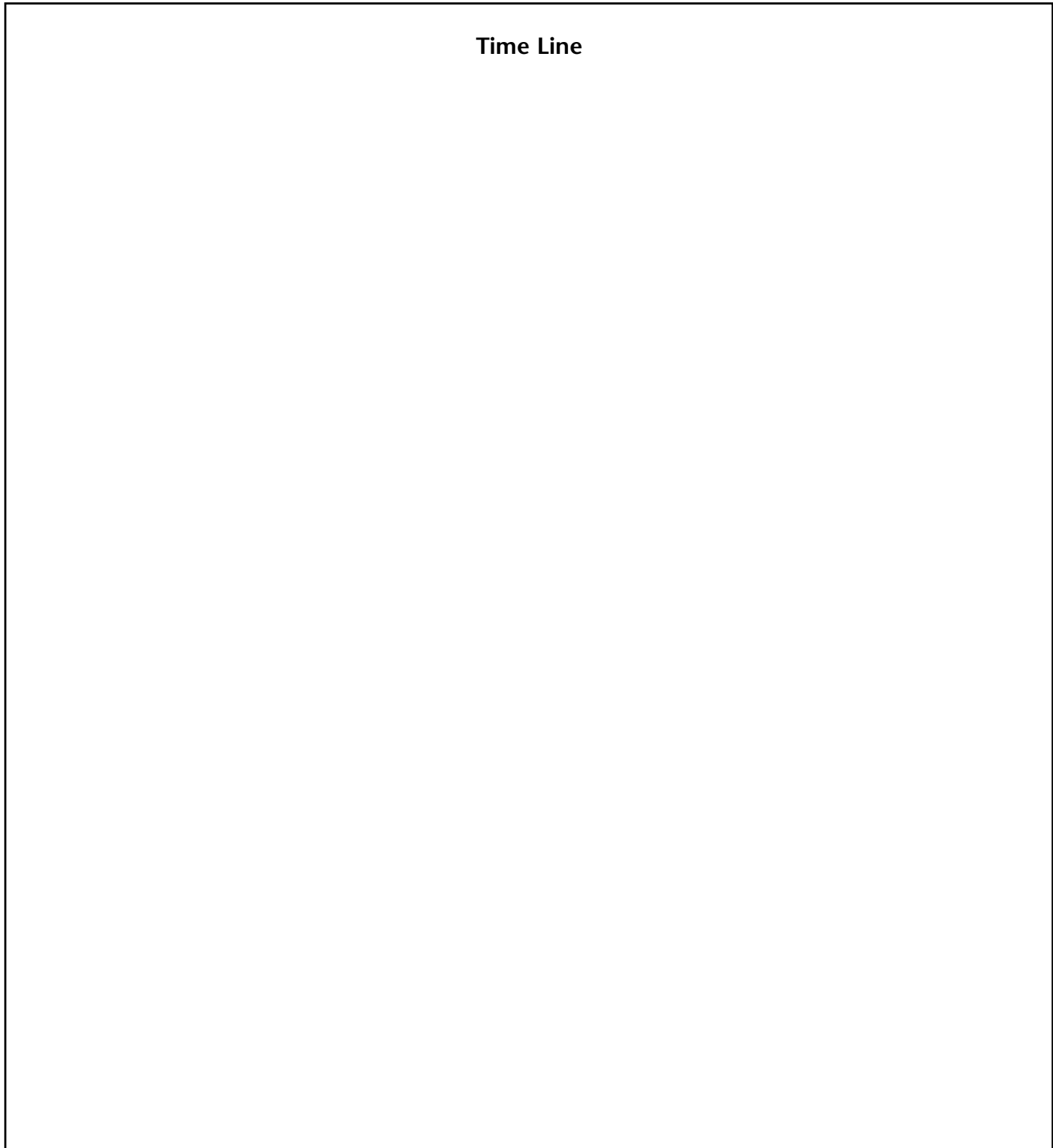
1. Why does Adeline spend her time writing during the holidays?
2. Who is named in the dedication to Adeline’s play?
3. Who is the model for Adeline’s heroine in the play?
4. What does Adeline learn by sorting mail during Christmas vacation?
5. When does Ye Ye die? How old is Adeline at the time?
6. What does Niang tell Adeline after the funeral?
7. What word does Adeline use to express her opinion of herself? What is her classmates’ opinion of her?
8. What does Adeline write about in numerous letters to Father and Niang?
9. Why does Father finally grant Adeline’s request to study in England?
10. What is the date of Aunt Baba’s letter? What prompts Aunt Baba to write?
11. What story does Aunt Baba tell Adeline to reread for encouragement?
12. How does Aunt Baba refer to Adeline at the end of the letter?

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Activity #12 • Comprehension  
Use After Reading

**Directions:** Using the Historical Note on pages 201–203 and events from the memoir, create an illustrated time line of historical events and events from the memoir. Based on your own research, you may add several major events of the 1940s civil war in China and the Communist takeover.

**Time Line**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

**A. True/False**

- \_\_\_ 1. Few people board the plane for Tianjin because they fear the Nationalist advance.
- \_\_\_ 2. Adeline finds out Father doesn't know her Chinese name or date of birth.
- \_\_\_ 3. By mid-December Adeline is the only student left at St. Joseph's.
- \_\_\_ 4. Aunt Baba rescues Adeline from St. Joseph's.
- \_\_\_ 5. Aunt Reine Schilling is Niang's older sister.
- \_\_\_ 6. Adeline wishes she could be adopted by the Schillings.
- \_\_\_ 7. Adeline hears defeat in Ye Ye's voice.
- \_\_\_ 8. Victor protests the exclusion of Adeline from outings.
- \_\_\_ 9. Niang enrolls Adeline in the Sacred Heart orphanage.

**B. Multiple Choice:** Select the best answer for each of the items below.

- \_\_\_ 10. Adeline's Sundays at Sacred Heart can best be described as
  - a. happy
  - b. fun
  - c. tearful
  - d. miserable
  
- \_\_\_ 11. King Lear reminds Adeline of
  - a. Father and Niang
  - b. Fourth Brother and Niang
  - c. Ye Ye and Niang
  - d. Ye Ye and Aunt Baba
  
- \_\_\_ 12. Adeline tells Third Brother and Ye Ye that
  - a. she likes to be called Scholar
  - b. Father thinks of her as a piece of garbage to be thrown out
  - c. Niang lets her help Little Sister with her homework
  - d. she is proud to be at the top of her class