

LC: Can I use ancient stories to find out about a culture?

LOOK AT THESE PICTURES! WHAT COUNTRY DO YOU THINK THEY ARE FROM?

What do you know
about the Chinese
culture?

From the pictures I
know that..



TODAY WE ARE GOING TO FOCUS ON ANCIENT CHINESE STORIES!

Ancient stories from China are like myths and legends!

What are myths and legends?

Myths and Legends are stories which are from the past which usually involves..

A legend is a semi-true story, which has been passed on from person-to-person and has important meaning or symbolism for the culture in which it originates. A legend usually includes an element of truth, or is based on historic facts, but with 'mythical qualities'.



CAN YOU THINK OF ANY EXAMPLES?



WE ARE NOW GOING TO LOOK AT AN ANCIENT CHINESE STORY!

What does culture mean?

Culture is a word for people's 'way of life', meaning the way groups do things

Whilst reading can you make notes on what the story tells us about Chinese culture? Food/Clothes?

The Origin of the Kitchen God

There once was a mighty lord who loved to eat, and who had grown very fat and his elaborately embroidered silk robes groaned at the seams. Although his palace was kept stocked with good things to eat, he often went out to find new delicacies.

One day he came upon the simple mud and straw home of a poor peasant woman and smelled a delicious aroma. She came to the door wearing plain clean cotton robes and the Lord asked to taste her food. She politely gave him some sugar cakes, but soon he gobbled them all up. The mighty lord thought these cakes tasted just fine and he wanted more. He decided that the peasant woman should come to his palace to bake for him. She did not want to go so he begged and threatened the woman.

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The Origin of the Kitchen God (continued)

Desperate to be left, the woman did a terrible thing - she slapped the mighty lord across the face, with a slap so hard that it sent him falling hard against the wall, where he stuck. The woman, who had magical powers, placed a curse upon him, forcing him to stay on the wall watching other people eat while he himself could only look on.

He is there to this day, for the Jade Emperor appointed him the kitchen god, whose altar was to be found somewhere near every family's kitchen stove. As kitchen god, he reports to Heaven each year on the family's doings.



LAYOUT

Food

The Chinese people eat a varied diet which includes...

Clothes

The Chinese wear..



Religion

The Chinese people follow a religion called..
In this religion they..

Hierachy

The ancient Chinese followed the.....who ruled the land.

ANCIENT CHINESE CULTURE

I am able to ...

I am starting to ...

I need more support to ...

LC: Can I recall and retell a story orally?

A dragon shattered the peace of the people in a tiny village in China by settling on the rim of a nearby ancient volcano.

The worried villagers sought advice from their village Wise Man who told them not to worry.

The dragon came to the village but left the villagers unharmed and the villagers praised the Wise Man's advice.

Then the dragon came and took the villagers' livestock.

The villagers sought advice from their village Wise Man who told them not to worry.

The dragon took one child and then another...

The villagers demanded that something be done.

The Wise Man devised a way of choosing a villager to slay the dragon.

A young girl was chosen. She was afraid and didn't know how to slay a dragon.

She went up the mountain and met a mysterious stranger on the way, who gave her advice.

She carried on up the volcano determined to rid the village of the dragon. But how?

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LC: Can I make links to China
and the setting of the story?

THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE READING A STORY FROM GILL HOWELL!

Dragon Slayer!

What are your
first impressions
of this book?

What do you think
will happen?

Looking at the cover I
believe that



WE ARE NOW GOING TO READ PAGE 56- VILLAGERS TURNED

Dragon Slayer

Whilst reading can you
make notes on the
setting of the story?
Where is it? How is it
described?

What questions do you
have about the story?
What puzzles you?



WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE SETTING OF THE STORY?

Extinct Volcano

erupted



ancient

Village

VOLCANO SETTING!

What would it be like to travel up this extinct volcano?

Why is this good setting to use for this story?



**Dragons live their
Interesting**

If you were writing the story where would you have the setting? Why?



WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO VOLCANOES?

LAYOUT

Dragon Slayer

I would choose.....as a setting
because.....

Also....

Furthermore...

Kitchen God

I would choose.....as a setting
because.....

Also....

Furthermore...

The Dragon Kings Daughter

I would choose.....as a setting
because.....

Also....

Furthermore...



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LC: Can I infer and deduce what Yen
is like?

WE ARE NOW GOING TO READ PAGE 56- HE PONDERED 59- MAI LING

Dragon Slayer

Whilst reading can you
make notes on Yen.
What he is like? What
does he do?

What is his personality
like?



WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT YEN?

Village Elder



Leader

Wise Man

Makes
Decisions

IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU ARE PUZZLED OVER?

SOMETIMES WE CAN TELL WHAT A CHARACTER'S PERSONALITY IS LIKE BY READING IN BETWEEN THE LINES!

What is this called?

Inference and Deduction

Deduction – To make a judgement about something based on the information you have.

'I deduced she was married from the ring on her finger.'
Uses subtle clues within the text for meaning making.

Inference – To form an opinion/hypothesis that something is probably true because of other information that you already know.

'It would be wrong to infer that people who are over weight are just greedy.'
Read between the lines. Inference uses prior knowledge, personal engagement and clues scattered throughout the text.

WHAT CAN YOU INFER AND DEDUCE ABOUT THE CHARACTER YEN?

"They crowded into the meeting hall where Yen stood"

What can you infer from this?

From this I can infer that Yen is...because...



This shows us that Yen is important to the village and respected because the villagers crowd into the hall and eager to listen to his advice.

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