

## Literature 8/English 8 Summer Reading

Students enrolled in Literature 8/English 8 will read the novel *Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah.

While reading, students should underline or highlight important details. Additionally, students should answer the following questions on loose-leaf. Answers should **be handwritten, in complete sentences, and single-spaced**. You should not rewrite the questions. Responses **must be original** and not from Spark Notes, Barrons, or other outside sources. All answers will be subject to the school plagiarism policy. Students will be expected to turn in this assignment in conjunction with a larger in-class assignment.

1. Describe Adeline's excitement over receiving the medal from her teacher.
  - a. How do Aunt Baba and Adeline's siblings make her feel about her medal?
  - b. Support your answer with at least two details from the story.
2. Describe how life is different when the family moves to Shanghai.
  - a. Describe the layout of the new house.
  - b. What happens to Adeline on her first day of school in Shanghai?
  - c. How do the children get to school? Why does this way upset them?
3. How else are the two sets of children treated differently?
  - a. What did the children receive to signify new year?
  - b. What was the difference between the stepchildren and Niang's children?
4. What is school like for Adeline?
  - a. Why is her nickname Genius?
  - b. What is her special talent?
  - c. What is Wu Chen-mei like?
5. Who is PLT, and how does PLT protect Adeline?
6. Describe Adeline's reaction to winning the election at school.
  - a. What do Adeline's classmate do to surprise her? How does Adeline feel about this?
  - b. How does Niang react to this surprise?
7. Why do Father and Niang send Adeline to Tianjin?
  - a. How does Adeline know that she means so little to her father?
  - b. What does her father not know about Adeline?
8. Describe Aunt Reine.
  - a. What does Aunt Reine not realize about Adeline's relationship with Father and Niang?
  - b. How is Aunt Reine's family different than Adeline's?
  - c. How do the Schilling family make Adeline feel?
9. What is life like at the Sacred Heart School?
  - a. How does Adeline spend her Sundays?
  - b. Why do most of her classmates think she is an orphan?
  - c. What contest does she win?
  - d. Where does Adeline want to go?
10. What information does Aunt Baba reveal in her letter to Adeline?