



Book Guide designed for you by Angelina Anderson

About the Book:

In *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin, written in 2009, Minli, a young girl, recognizes that her family does not have much fortune. She decides that is something she wants to change. Leaving her family behind with no goodbye except in a note, she heads off on a journey she's only heard about in tall tales her Ba would tell her.

As she begins this journey things she would never expect to happen, start happening. Things she would only expect to happen in stories. She first rescues a dragon, and the two become an unlikely pair and continue the journey to find the mountain that meets the moon.

Oriented towards 5th graders

Discussion Questions: (chap 10)

1st Question: What stands out the most in this chapter? What can you see when reading this chapter? Can you see the description of the dragon in your head? Indirect details?

2nd Question: How do you think Minli's thoughts on life and the stories are changing now that she's seen the dragon?

3rd Question: Why did Minli help the dragon right away? What does this say about her character?

4th Question: Make a prediction! What will happen with the relationship between characters for the rest of the book based on the new interaction?

5th Question: If you were Minli on this journey, would you have stopped to help the dragon? Why or why not? What would you be thinking if you were in Minli's shoes?

Extension Idea:

Think of a time you've been in awe of something you'd only heard about in stories before? Just like Minli was in awe of the dragon in the book and had never seen it before. Draw this thing, place or event.

Once you finish drawing, then write a paragraph describing that moment. What did you see? What did you expect it to be like? How were you feeling? Did it live up to what you thought it would be?

Example:

A time I was in such awe of an experience I had only ever heard about, was my first concert. I was 17 years old, and I was seeing Harry Styles for the first time! The excitement in my gut was so prevalent I thought I'd be sick, and I'd get chills everytime I'd think about seeing him in person. I saw thousands of people just as excited as I was to be seeing this same person, and so many happy people around. I had always heard about the feeling concerts give people, but I didn't believe them until I was the one dancing my heart out with my best friends,



with the biggest smile on my face as some of my favorite songs were played right in front of me. It was a feeling like no other. It is an experience that I will never forget, and now I strive for that feeling as much as possible.