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Book Discussion Guide

Age Level

- Grades 3-6 (https://www.dogobooks.com/where-the-mountain-meets-the-moon/book-review/0316038636)
- Grades 3-5, 6-8 (https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/where-the-mountain-meets-the-moon-by-grace-lin/
- Grades 3-6 (https://www.the-best-childrens-books.org/Where-the-Mountain-Meets-the-Moon.html)
- Age 8+ (https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/where-the-mountain-meets-the-moon)

Summary: Whole Book

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin is a story about a young girl Minli and her journey to change her family's future. Minlis sets out on a quest and she meets a friend Dragon. They then continue the adventure to find Old Man together. They face challenges, danger, and near death experiences. They also encounter people who helped lead them in the right direction. When Minli finally reached the Old Man, Minli made a tough decision to give Dragon the wish over her family's wish. She asked how to get Dragon to fly. After removing a stone it gave Dragon the ability fly. It ended up changing her family fortune anyways by her family later realizing it was an expensive pearl that Dragon had. Being a good friend and doing the right thing brought her family extreme wealth and ended up changing her family's lives forever.

Guiding Questions:

Why do you think Old Man helped Minli even though she didn't ask and how does this relate to the theme of the story? (43- Whole Book)

Describe Minlis character? Why would she have went on this long journey and ended up getting her friends answer over her own? Why was a weight lifted off her shoulders when Dragon could fly? (43-Whole Book)

Describe the changes the village experienced when Minli returned home?(47-48)

What was the purpose of all the struggle Dragon and Minli faced on the way to Old Man? What do those characters represent? (14-30)

Explain why the author made Minlis parents an important part of the story? Who were they as people? (Whole Book)

Extension Idea:

Create a poem about a favorite character or favorite part of the book. In this poem describe what is happening or key features of the character. This poem should demonstrate a deep understanding of the character or chapter. Use any type of poem to get your ideas across.

Extension Example

Minli is selfless

Serving those around her putting others ahead of herself

Minli is brave

No danger nor challenges will slow her

Minli is determined

Willing to do anything to help her family

Minli is accomplished

Doing something for someone else and being rewarded anyways