



5th Grade Summer Reading Response Novel Set in China

Student Name: _____

Complete the project below for the novel you chose about China by Grace Lin. **Bring your response with your novel to the first day of school**, so we can discuss the novel together at the beginning of the school year!

Highlight the novel(s) you read from the list below. You are required to read at least one novel:

- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*
- *Starry River of the Sky*
- *Mulan: Before the Sword*

One of the exciting aspects of reading one of these novels by Grace Lin is that we have the opportunity to learn more about Chinese culture! Culture is a pattern of behavior shared by a society or group of people. Many different things make up a society's culture. These things include food, language, clothing, tools, music, arts, customs, beliefs, and religion.

(<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/culture/399913>)

- 1) After reading your choice novel, make a list of 2-3 examples of Chinese culture that appear in the novel. For example, dragons are important figures in Chinese culture and are featured multiple times throughout the novel *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. (Fun fact: In Chinese culture, dragons symbolize power, strength, and good luck!)

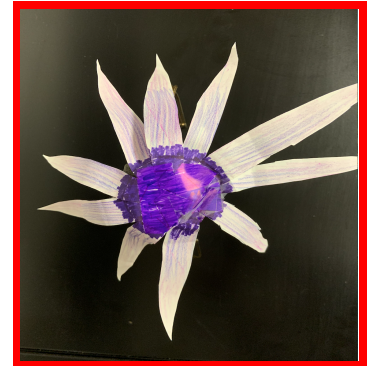
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- 2) Now, choose one of these elements of Chinese culture from step #1 that you would most like to create a 3-dimensional object for:

My chosen element of Chinese culture from step #1:

- 3) Finally, create a 3-dimensional representation of your chosen element of Chinese culture from step #2. We have included a few examples below.

- a) Be creative! You don't need to buy materials; use what you have at home (including upcycled items) and consider natural materials that you can find outside!
- b) You will be sharing your 3D creation with other 5th graders during the first weeks of school.



- 4) Write a short explanation of your creation that describes the element you chose, the materials you used, and the inspiration for your creation.

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