

Literacy Homework



Ballad of Mulan



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| A long time ago in China, there was a young woman named Mulan. She was upset because her father had been called to fight in a war. Mulan wanted to fight in her father's place. | (3) (17) (32) (38) |
| Women were not allowed to be soldiers. So Mulan dressed like a man. She put on armor. She said a sad farewell to her family. Then she rode off with the troops. | (51) (67) (70) |
| It was hard work to be a soldier. Mulan missed her mother and father. But it made Mulan happy to think that her father was safe. | (84) (96) |
| Many soldiers died in the war. Mulan fought bravely. After ten years, the Emperor called Mulan to the palace. He wanted to reward Mulan's skill and leadership. Mulan asked the Emperor for a fast camel to take her home. | (108) (122) (135) |
| Mulan was happy to be back home. She changed out of her armor and into a dress. When the other soldiers came to see her, they were surprised. They had not known Mulan was a woman. | (149) (163) (171) |
| Today, people still tell the story of Mulan's amazing bravery. | (181) |

Fluency & Comprehension - Please answer each question in *complete sentences*.

- 1) Complete five 1 minute reads, and record your words per minute score.

Read #1: _____ Read #2: _____ Read #3: _____ Read #4: _____ Read #5: _____

- 2) Why was Mulan upset in the beginning?

- 3) What made Mulan feel happy, even though she was risking her life?

- 4) What does "farewell" mean?

- 5) How long did Mulan fight in the war?

Comprehension Common Questions

Name _____

1) What **genre** is this passage?

Fiction or
Non-Fiction?

Traditional Literature Realistic Fiction Science Fiction Historical Fiction Informational Biography Poetry Mystery Fantasy Folktale

2) What **point of view** is this passage?

First Person

Second Person

Third Person

(The author says "I" a lot)

(The author says "you" a lot)

(The author says "he, she or they" a lot)

3) What was the **author's purpose** for writing this passage?

Inform (Facts)

Persuade (To change your mind)

Entertain (Fun)

Explain (How to...)

4) What is the **setting** of this passage? Where does it take place?

5) Write a *complete sentence* stating the **main idea** or topic of this passage.

6) If possible, list a **main character**. List *one word* that could describe that character.

Character:

Adjectives:

7) If possible, list one **contraction** (ex: I am = I'm) and one **compound** word (ex: back + pack = backpack).

Contraction:

Compound:

8) If possible, list one **two-syllable** word, and one **three-syllable** word.

Two-syllable:

Three-syllable:

9) What **event** happened first in this passage?

10) What **event** happened last in this passage?
