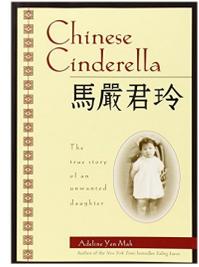




DWIGHT SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

12th Grade Summer 2017 Assignment
IB English B HL II



Purchase and read *Chinese Cinderella*, by Adeline Yen Mah, ISBN: 0385740077, and complete **both** tasks.

Task #1: Annotations

The author employs a variety of literary conventions throughout this text. As you read, track each of the following conventions.

- Motif of the role of women
- Motif of coming of age, or growing up
- Significance or descriptions of the setting
- Significance of family dynamics and structure

When you find instances of these conventions, note them by underlining, starring, or otherwise marking the specific passages in your book. Write the name of the convention in the margins. If you prefer, instead of writing in the book itself, you can use Post-It notes to mark the page, the passage, and the name of the convention.

You should have at least five (5) annotations for each convention, for a total of twenty (20) annotations, which will be checked by your teacher on the first day of class. Be sure that you do not choose examples of these conventions that are all located in one part of the text; they should, instead, range from the beginning through the middle to the end, demonstrating your complete experience with the text.

Task #2: Letter

In 600 – 800 words, write a letter from Adeline to any another character in the story. Use the first-person voice (“I,” “me,” “we,” “us,” etc.). The letter should address particular incidents that happen to Adeline, using specific quotes or passages from the text. Do *NOT* merely summarize the story. Instead, use this letter to demonstrate your knowledge of Adeline’s character and the meaningfulness of her experiences. This letter may be written as if taking place at any point in the story or even after the story ends. Consider: what would Adeline want to say or admit to this other character? What thoughts or feelings would she want to share? What hopes or fears might she (finally) express?

The letter should follow a traditional letter format, with salutation and a greeting.

Bring your annotated book on the first day of class. Also bring your completed letter, printed as follows.

- Type Size: Twelve (12) Point
- Type Font: Times New Roman
- Spacing: Double
- Integrity: At the top of the first page, type the succinct version of the Dwight School Honor Code: *I did not cheat on this assignment.* (The assignment will be submitted to the anti-plagiarism site *Turnitin.com*. Instructions on how to do so will be provided on the first day of class.)

By the start of school, you must also have written a full draft of your **main college essay**.

If you have any questions about this summer assignment, email Mr. Wiesenfeld, Chair of the English Department, at mwiesenfeld@dwight.edu. Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September!