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Guided Reading Questions

Chu Ju's House

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Directions: On a separate sheet of paper, answer 10 of the guided reading questions below. Use text details to support your answers. Write in complete sentences.

1. Why does Chu Ju feel that nai nai, her grandmother, doesn't like her?
2. Why does Chu Ju run away?
3. Why does Chu Ju leave Yi Yi and the family who accepted her on the fishing boat?
4. Why does Chu Ju choose to seek work tending to silkworms rather than picking mulberry leaves?
5. Explain the process of getting silk from a silkworms.
6. When Yong asks Chu Ju to keep a journal to record the day the worms arrive and the number of worms, Chu Ju lies and tells Yong that she cannot write. Why does she lie?
7. Why is Chu Ju able to stay with Han Na and work the rice paddies when she already has one child?
8. Why does Chu Ju lie to Han Na and go to Shanghai? Was she successful? Explain.
9. Why was Ling worried about Chu Ju's safety? Use text details to describe Shanghai through Chu's Ju's experiences.
10. Why were the policemen looking for Ling?
11. How does Chu Ju improve the income from the rice paddies by reading government pamphlets?
12. Why does Chu Ju return home? Do you think her trip home was a positive or negative experience for Chu Ju?

Cultural Research Topic: As you are reading, track possible topics on Chinese culture that you may want to research.

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