

Journal #2 - Research

Choose **ONE** of the following topics to research and write about it in 2-3 double spaced pages.

1. The symbol of the White Tiger in Chinese mythology. Why does Kingston name her chapter this?
2. The history of foot-binding in China. How does it connect with the Chinese view of women? Is this only in Chinese culture?
3. The history of Chinatown, San Fransisco. How does the setting of the book shape the characters and plot?
4. The ancient story of Fa Mu Lan or Hua Lan. How does this story relate to the story that the protagonist imagines? How does it relate to her view of herself as Chinese and American?

The questions after the topics are simply to get you started. You should probe a little deeper and ask more questions.

You can write this journal in two different formats. Either: 1. The first page contains all the information you learned about the topic you chose to research and the second page relays how you applied it to your reading. OR 2. The paper can be written with each piece of information followed by a connection to the text and its importance.

	A - 100-90	B 89-80	C 79-70	D/F 69— —
Organization 30%	2-3 full double-spaced pages. Times New Roman Font.	2-3 full double-spaced pages. Times New Roman Font.	<2 full double spaced pages. Times New Roman Font.	<2 pages.
Textual Material 30%	The student has researched the subject well.	The student has researched the subject well.	The student has obviously done little research.	The student has done little to no research.
Argument 30%	The student clearly and succinctly explains which parts of the research connects to the text, how it works, and why it is important.	The student clearly presents the research, but does not connect it well with the text or explain exactly why it is important.	The student connects the research only in part to the text and does not explain the importance of it.	There is no connection of research to the text or its importance.
Grammar 10%	Little to no grammar or spelling errors. The references are at the bottom of the page.	a fair amount of spelling and grammar errors. The references are at the bottom of the page.	a fair amount of spelling and grammar errors. Some references are at the bottom of the page.	Frequent spelling and grammar errors. There are no references.