

American Born Chinese Taxonomy Overview Guide

Unit: American Born Chinese	Basic Thinking Abstract Thinking					
	Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Creative Thinking	Critical Thinking
The Monkey King Sections	Describe the major events of the monkey king's arrival to the big party. What were his feelings/reactions to those events? Graphic Organizer	Why did the monkey king show frustration dislike other monkeys after being asked to leave the party? Journal response	Have you ever wanted to be like someone else? To what extreme have you gone? Write a personal narrative	What are the main elements in Chinese fables? How does The Monkey King fit those? Graphic organizer,	If you could tell the monkey king anything, what would it be? And when would you tell him? Unsent letter	When one doesn't fit the status quo, one should change (it is important to adapt) vs. one should stand strong/stick to his or her roots Debate/anticipation guide
	Jin Wang Sections	Who are Jin Wang's 2 friends at Oliphant High School? How do they interact? Image analysis- annotations	Why does Jin Wang act differently with each of his two friends? How should he act toward each of them? Chalk-board discussion	Have you ever been embarrassed to be friends with someone? Or chosen not to be friends with someone who is different than you are? Journal response	Research other groups who have been ostracized for different reasons. In-class research	If you had endless supplies, what is an imaginary product you would create to "fix" his friendship problems? Mini-commercials
Chin-kee and Danny Sections		What was Danny's reaction to Chin-kee's arrival? Class discussion	What do you think are the exaggerated features of Chin-kee? Think, pair, share	How does propaganda influence your prejudice toward any other group, product, etc? (Advertising) Collage	Find information or examples of propaganda from history. Annotated Bibliography	If someone were going to exaggerate something about you, what would it be? What is unique? Draw a caricature
	All three stories	Describe the characters using new vocabulary Magic Squares	What is the common problem between all of these characters? Small group discussion.	Create a soundtrack of your modern music that portrays this common problem in your world. Soundtrack	What do all of these characters have in common? Venn diagram	What would the three characters say if they could discuss their problems? Dialogue- create a comic strip or screenplay format

**Independent
Research**

Select a Topic

Develop a Goal

Develop a Plan

Gather Information

Organize Information

Present Your Findings

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