

American Born Chinese Study Guide

Part 1 Directions: While reading Gene Luen Yang's award-winning graphic novel, *American Born Chinese*, answer the following questions. You do **NOT** have to write your responses in complete sentences, but make sure that your answers are thorough and analytical, which means that you will need to write your answers on a separate sheet of paper. Then, for each part – divided by page numbers below – pick a panel or page for discussion. Write brief, bullet-pointed analysis or an analytical question.

Keep up with the study guide questions, because 1) they will function as your reading check, in place of reading quizzes and 2) they will help aid you in class discussion.

Part 1: Pages 1-40

1. Where is the Monkey Kingdom located in reference to heaven?
2. How did the Monkey King feel in his kingdom?
3. Why isn't the Monkey King allowed to attend the dinner?
4. When the Monkey King returns home, what does he notice?
5. How is Jin Wang treated at school?

Part 2: Pages 43-85

6. Describe Chin-Kee.
7. What is the Monkey King's decree?
8. What does the message that floated down from heaven say?
9. Who is Tze-Yo-Tzuh?
10. How does Tze-Yo-Tzuh prevent the Monkey King from practicing kung-fu?

Part 3: Pages 87-130

11. What does Jin do to his hair?
12. How does Gene Luen Yang show the passage of time when Wei-Chen and Amelia are locked in the science class closet?
13. What does Wei-Chen say about Jin to Amelia?
14. How does Danny treat Chin-Kee?
15. What does Chin-Kee do in school that embarrasses Danny?
16. Why does Melanie give Danny her uncle's card?

Part 4: Pages 133- end

17. What does Wong Lai-Tsao do every day?
18. How long is Wong Lai-Tsao's journey?
19. According to Wong Lai-Tsao, what is the highest freedom?
20. After the Monkey King escapes the mountain and defeats the demons, what does he do?
21. What does Amelia's blond friend ask Jin?
22. What happens to Jin during the night?
23. Who is Wei-Chen related to?