**Questions on *Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah**

1. Adeline Yen Mah chose the title *Chinese Cinderella* for the title of her autobiography. What do you think the significance of the title is? How does it prepare us for the type of story we are told?
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2. What impression do you get of Adeline’s relationship with her family, particularly her father? Select and comment upon three quotations.
3. Choose three words or phrases from the description of Adeline’s meeting with her father, which you feel are effective in creating a sense of tension.
4. Adeline experiences a wide range of emotions during this encounter. Read the extract again and try to identify as many of these emotions as possible, providing a quotation and comment for each one. Think about Carefully explain your reasons for choosing each one how her emotions change during this time.

1. How does the author convey the tensions and conflicts between the various characters in the text? Explain in detail using examples from the text.
2. Using appropriate quotations, comment upon the different views on education that are expressed in this piece of writing.
3. Do you think it is fair to say that Adeline is treated as an outsider by her own family? Select and comment upon three words or phrases that you feel are illustrative of her isolation from them.
4. How does the author demonstrate the affluent nature of her upbringing? Again, find and comment upon three examples.
5. When Adeline’s father agrees to send her to university in England it is on the condition that she study medicine. Although Adeline wishes to become a writer she does not challenge her father and accepts his proposal with good grace. How do you think the reader is supposed to feel about this? Does it alter our response to Adeline’s character?
6. How do Adeline’s aspirations differ from those of her father? Contrast their differing ideas of success by selecting and commenting upon appropriate quotations.