

# Anticipation Guide

## *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang

### Instructions

#### **Purpose:**

The anticipation guide helps the students gain interest over a novel they will soon be reading. It requires them to form opinions that will structure their reading and focus them on some key themes and concepts of the text. It also requires them to make decisions that might be difficult, and learn to defend them. The anticipation guide will also provide scaffolding for later instruction: something the teacher can rely on and use to inspire deeper discussion with the addition of the actual text.

#### **Directions:**

Before reading *American Born Chinese*, give each student a copy of the handout. Have them mark their opinion to each question. Emphasize that the student needs to make a decision, and not be in the middle. This will help encourage discussion. Inform the students that they will need to defend their answers. After they have filled the sheet out individually, break the students up into groups of 3-4 students and have them discuss their opinions. This will prepare them to defend their answers. After 5-7 minutes, open the discussion to the entire class.

#### **Discussion guide for the teacher:**

1. page 13
2. pages 34-35;188-192
3. page 37
4. pages 55-60; 97-8; 193-7
5. pages 110-111
6. pages 218-220
7. pages 126-7
8. page 191
9. pages 183-4

#### **Further Discussion:**

Have the students keep the ideas discussed in the anticipation guide close. You will need to refer back to it throughout the reading, asking the students if they have changed their opinions after reading about the three stories in *American Born Chinese*.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer “True” or “False” to what you believe about each of these statements.**

**True False**

1. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ An individual’s value is determined by how much they accomplish?
2. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ True friendship means always agreeing with each other.
3. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Anyone who lives in America should learn English.
4. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ If you want something that is good, it is okay to change yourself to get it.
5. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ We should always defend friends and family members, even when they embarrass us.
6. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ We should follow our family traditions, even when they make us unhappy.
7. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ When something is hard, the best answer is to quit, or run away.
8. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ When you have something to say, it is always best to say it.
9. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ If you have feelings for someone, you should tell them.



