

Assignment "Two Kinds" by Amy Tan

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Vocabulary:

1. Define the words found in this short story

prodigy	reproach	mesmerizing	sauciness
conspire	debut	devastated	fiasco

Comprehension:

2.(a) In what ways does the mother try to make her daughter a prodigy?

(b) Compare and contrast the daughter's attitude about being a prodigy with the mother's attitude.

(c) How does the difference in their attitudes cause problems?

3. What gift does the mother give to her daughter on her thirtieth birthday? What is the meaning of the gift?

4. (a) At the end of the story, what does the daughter discover about the music she had prepared for the recital?

(b) In what way does the music reflect the daughter's feelings about herself?

(c) What does the daughter's discovery reveal about people in general?

Literary Analysis:

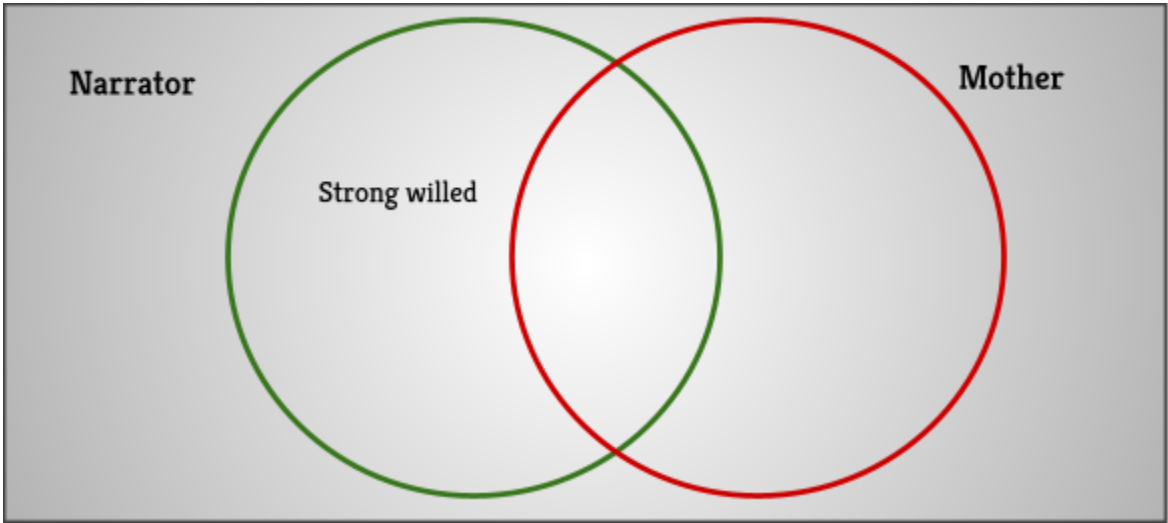
5.

Character Motives: As you read the two story passages, think about the emotions and goals that drive each character. Then fill in the motive for each character.

	Narrator	Mother
Passage from story	"I was filled with a sense that I would soon become perfect. My mother and father would adore me."	"America was where all my mother's hopes lay. She had come here...after losing everything in China."
Motive		

6. Character Traits:

Create a Venn Diagram to show the character traits the mother and daughter do and do not share.



Or use table

Narrator-Jing-Mei	Common	Mother
Stubborn		Hopeful