

Worksheet 1. Keeping a Reading Journal

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Chapters	Pages	Questions to answer
1–5	1–32	<i>Minli at Home</i> a. Describe what Minli’s home is like. b. What kind of person is her father? c. What kind of person is her mother? d. Why does she buy the goldfish and why does she set it free? e. Why does she leave home? f. Judging from the first five chapters, how would you describe Minli?
6–11	33–59	<i>Minli and the Dragon</i> a. What kind of troubles does the dragon have? b. How does Minli help the dragon? c. What good qualities does Minli show in this section? Give evidence from the story to prove your ideas. d. What do Minli and the dragon want to ask the Old Man of the Moon?
12–15	60–87	<i>The Monkeys and the Peach Orchard</i> a. Why won’t the monkeys let Minli and the dragon go through their territory? b. How does Minli trick the monkeys? c. What does Minli’s trick say about the kind of person she is? d. What is greed? Find two examples of greed so far in this book.
16–20	88–117	<i>The Buffalo Boy</i> a. How does Minli meet the buffalo boy? How does he treat her? b. What is his home like? c. What does Minli realize about her own home when she sees how the buffalo boy lives? d. Who is the buffalo boy’s friend? What kind of person is she?
21–24	118–49	<i>The City of Bright Moonlight</i> a. Why does Minli help the beggar? What magic does the beggar perform? b. How does Minli know the beggar is really the king? c. How does the king treat Minli? d. Why does he give her his treasure? What is it? e. What kind of generosity do people (and lions) show in these chapters?
25–33	150–81	<i>The Green Tiger</i> a. Who is the Green Tiger? b. Why does he attack Minli? How is she saved? c. How do the happy children A-Fu and Da-Fu trick the Green Tiger? Why does he fall for the trick? d. What has happened to the dragon? Do you think he will be saved?

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34–38	182–216	<i>The Golden Flowers</i> a. What else do you learn about the Green Tiger in these chapters? b. Where do the golden flowers come from? c. How do the villagers show generosity to Minli and the dragon? d. How were the villagers saved from the cruelty of the Tiger Magistrate in the past?
38–43	217–50	<i>The Old Man of the Moon</i> a. How does Minli contact the old Man of the Moon? b. How does Minli reach the moon? Why doesn't the dragon go with her? c. Who is Wu Kang? Why is he chopping the tree? How does this tie in with the idea of greed? d. What happens when Minli finally sees the old Man of the Moon? e. What decision does Minli make? Why? Do you agree with her decision?
44–46	251–65	<i>Home Again</i> a. While Minli has been gone, what has happened to Ba and Ma? b. How does the story end? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• for Minli• for Ba and Ma• for Minli's neighbors• for the dragon c. Are you pleased with how the story ended? Why or why not?