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### **“The Ballad of Mulan”**

1. Reread the sentence, “One day she sat at her loom weaving cloth.” What is a loom? (Pg. 58)  
Describe the loom from the illustration on page 58-59.
  
2. How does Mulan’s mother know that something is troubling Mulan? (Pg. 59)
  
3. Reread pages 60-61. *Invaders* are enemies that enter people’s land without permission and attack the people who live there. A draft poster lists the names of people who must go fight when there is war. What is the emperor telling certain people they must do to protect the land?
  
4. Reread pages 62-63. Why does Mulan decide she has to fight in her father’s place?
  
5. What does the author tell us that Mulan does in order to prepare for war? (Pgs. 64-65)

6. How do Mulan and her family feel as she prepares for war? Find evidence from the words and the illustrations. (Pgs. 64-65)
  
7. Reread pages 66-67. What clues do the author’s words give us about how she might be feeling?
  
8. Reread page 69. What words and phrases tell you that Mulan is still homesick?
  
9. On page 70, the author says, “She crossed peaks and passes like a bird in flight.” Why does the author compare Mulan to a “*bird in flight*?”
  
10. Describe the nights at camp for Mulan. How does she get through (endure) it? (Pg. 71)
  
11. What did Mulan earn at the end of the ten-year war? (Pg. 73)

12. The author states on page 74 that the Emperor “summoned” Mulan to the palace. When a person is summoned, they are asked to go someplace. Why did the Emperor summon Mulan to the palace?
13. How did the emperor reward Mulan for her skill and courage? (Pgs. 74-76)
14. What does Mulan ask for? (Pg. 77)
15. Knowing that Mulan’s heart’s desire was to return home to her family, what does the phrase “heart’s desire” mean?
16. How does Mulan’s family feel about her coming home? Use evidence from the text. (Pgs. 78-79)

17. When Mulan returns home, what does the author say about what she does first?

18. Who are Mulan's comrades? Why were they so surprised? (Pg. 82)

19. What was Mulan really talking about when she spoke about rabbits in times of danger? (Pg. 84)

20. What does it mean that "Mulan's glory spread through the land?"