

American Born Chinese Study Guide



1. Legend had it that the Monkey King was born of _____.
2. Over what kingdom did the Monkey King rule?
3. What are the 4 major heavenly disciplines?
4. What are the 4 disciplines pre-requisites for? Pre-requisite = _____
5. Why was the Monkey King not allowed at the party?
6. What does the Monkey King say to the guests at the party?
7. What does the Monkey King notice for the first time?
8. When the Monkey King stays up all night, what does he think about?
9. How would you characterize the Monkey King at the beginning of this chapter and at the end?

Chapter 2

1. What is the message of the parable?

2. What secret does the herbalist tell Jin?
3. What do we learn about Jin's life in San Francisco compared to his life at the new school?
4. What rumor do the children spread about Jin and Suzy Nakamura?
5. What do you notice about the drawing of the boy who calls Jin "bucktooth"? Why would the author do this?
6. Who is Jin's first friend at the new school?
7. Why does Jin say, "Something made me want to beat him up"?
8. Aside from being Chinese and new students, what do Jin and Wei Chen have in common?
9. What are some of the stereotypes that emerge in this chapter?

