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## "Folktales from Asia" Story Guide

The genre is \_\_\_\_\_. This genre is a story written to \_\_\_\_\_. In this selection, look for stories that have a quick \_\_\_\_\_ and information about \_\_\_\_\_.



### "How the Moon Became Ivory"

Who did the Jade Emperor assign the job of overseeing Earth to?

How are the winter bearers and summer bearers of the palanquin different?

What problem occurred when the moon first tried to do her job?

On p. 167 near the top of the second column, the story says, "Bewildered, the sun looked down on the sad scene as she rode through the sky, wondering what had happened. But she found no clues." What does "bewildered" mean?

Why do Earth people grow more tired every day?

What does the sun discover about the earth people?

How does Tay Vuong Mau, Queen Mother of the West, solve the earth people's problem?

How are the two daughters like real people?

How are the two daughters different than real people?

### "Virtue Goes to Town"

What kind of man is Virtue?

How do you know?

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Do you think Virtue is a good name for this character? Why or why not?

Why does the wise woman tell Virtue to go to town?

What is the foreman like?

Do his qualities make him a good leader? Why?

What does Virtue do when the foreman tells him that no one likes a braggart?

Why do the other workers laugh at Virtue behind his back?

In the story, Virtue picks up a "cauldron" in each hand. What does "cauldron" mean?

What happened when the workers came home late?

What feats (activities, jobs) did Virtue complete by himself?

Is it possible that he could have done these things in real life? Explain.

Why does it take twenty cooks to feed a single worker?

"Who is Best?"

Who are the main characters?

How were the men able to accomplish their job in seven days?

Why didn't Mr. Man divide the food evenly?

Explain what happened when the friends did not work together to look for the food.

What does Mr. Panya think is the most important quality to possess?

What does Mr. Boon find in his food?