American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

Please fill out these discussion prompts as you read along. Each section is broken up into 3 parts, and each part has several questions. Choose 1 question (3 total per section) to focus on.

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| **SECTION I –** p.7-52 |
| * Why was the monkey king so angry? Why do you think it is so important to him?
* What did he notice when he returned back to his home? Why is this important?
* How did the other gods make him feel and why?
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| Choose ONE of the questions above and answer it below, citing quotes and pages from the text. |

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| * Why did Jin move? What did his parents hope for?
* How was Jin treated when he arrived? (give more than 1 example)
* How did Jin treat Wei-chen? Why do you think he did this?
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| Choose ONE of the questions above and answer it below, citing quotes and pages from the text. |

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| * How did Danny feel about Cousin Chin? Why?
* How do you feel about Cousin Chin? Why?
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| Choose ONE of the questions above and answer it below, citing quotes and pages from the text. |

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| **SECTION II –** p.55-130 |
| * In what ways did the Monkey King change? Why do you think he made these changes?
* How do you think he felt about being a monkey? What caused him to feel this way?
* What happened to the Monkey King? Do you think he deserved this fate?
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| Choose ONE of the questions above and answer it below, citing quotes and pages from the text. |

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| * What changes are happening in Jin’s life? In what ways is his experience different than Wei-chens?
* What physical change did Jin make? Why did he make it? How do you think his family might feel about this?
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| * How do the other students feel about Cousin Chin? *(cite examples, page numbers, and quotes)*
* Why is Danny so embarrassed by his cousin? What are the main differences between the two?
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| **SECTION III –** p.133-233 |
| * How did the monkey king become free? How did the monk help him & why was it so difficult for him to do?
* What is the symbolism of him leaving his shoes behind at the end?
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| Choose ONE of the questions above and answer it below, citing quotes and pages from the text. |

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| * What do you think Greg meant by *“she should pay attention to who she hangs out with” (p179)*
* Jin upset everyone he was close to *(Wei, Suzy, etc)*. Why was he so angry and resentful to the people closest to him?
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| * What are the true identities of Danny & Cousin Chin? How does this change your opinion of the two characters?
* What are the parallels between Jin/Danny & the Monkey King’s story?
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