The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of Girlhood Among Ghosts
Maxine Hong Kingston

“At the Western Palace” Quiz points

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions in well-developed paragraphs. Use examples from the text to support your responses.

1. Who is Kingston in this chapter? Tell how you know this.

2. Explain why Moon Orchid would have been better off in Hong Kong than coming to America.

3. When Moon Orchid and Brave Orchid meet at the airport, they are “...two old woman with faces like mirrors.” This is where the similarities end. Give two examples of how the two sisters differ. Tell whether these differences would exist if they both still lived in China.

4. Explain why the marital traditions of China are obsolete at the Western Palace.

5. How does Moon Orchid’s frailty heighten Brave Orchid’s strength of character in Kington’s eyes? Tell how you know this.