Worksheet for “At the Western Palace” in
**The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood among Ghosts**

Answer each of the following questions completely and make direct reference to the text.

1. Kingston changes her narration in this chapter. Explain why she tells a story where she is character in the third person.

2. Tell how Brave Orchid’s children are more American than Chinese as depicted in the chapter. Cite specific examples from the text.

3. Describe the frailty of Moon Orchid as compared to the strength of her sister, Brave Orchid. Cite specific examples from the text.

4. What was the arrangement that Moon Orchid had with her husband who was in the Western Palace? Tell how this arrangement was perhaps better for her than coming to America and confronting him.

5. Explain the reason(s) behind Brave Orchid’s insistence in having her sister claim her place as first wife.

6. Brave Orchid was surprised to see that her sister Moon Orchid looked so old. What is the reason for this surprise?