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READING AUSTRALIA

Task for *The Surprising Power of a Good Dumpling*

Analytical essay response

Over the course of studying this novel, you have deepened your understanding of its themes, ideas and issues, as well as the ways that Wai Chim has constructed the story.

Choose **one** of the topics below and write an analytical essay in response.

Topics

1. In *The Surprising Power of a Good Dumpling*, Chim shows that, ultimately, being 'different' can be liberating. Discuss.

OR

2. *The Surprising Power of a Good Dumpling* reveals the burdens and hardships experienced in family relationships. Do you agree?

OR

3. How does Chim show the importance of staying connected to one's culture and background in *The Surprising Power of a Good Dumpling*?

Conditions

- Your response will be completed in class under test conditions
- You may have the following materials with you:
    - the novel
    - a dictionary
- Your response will be approximately **600–800 words** in length

Keep in mind the following criteria when planning and writing your response:

- Knowledge and control of your chosen content
- Coherence of your essay structure: introduction, body paragraphs and conclusion
- Use of textual evidence in the form of quotes and examples
- Accurate and appropriate use of standard Australian English conventions: spelling, punctuation and syntax