

Love Must Not Be Forgotten



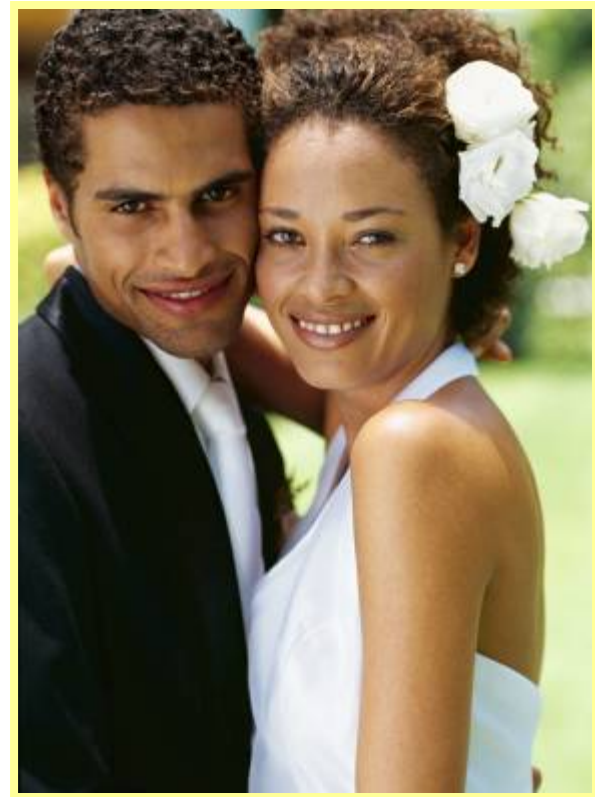
FICTION SELECTION
Unit 1, Part 2, Grade 10

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Preparing to Read

Connect to Your Life

- Think about married couples that you know.
- Based on your observations, what qualities are essential to a good marriage?



Preparing to Read

Build Background

- In the 1960's and 1970's when this selection takes place, many institutions of Chinese life, including marriage, were subjected to intense questioning.
- Sine 1949, Mao Zedong and his Communist forces had been in control of China.



Preparing to Read

Build Background

By the mid 1960's, Mao felt that new blood was needed to keep the ideals of Communism alive, so he implemented the Cultural Revolution in 1966.

- For the next three years, groups of young students and other radicals removed and replaced older Communist Party leaders.



Preparing to Read

Build Background

Many leaders were executed; others were sent to prison or to the countryside to be “re-educated” in communist thought.



Preparing to Read

Words to Know

- ardent
- atonement
- aversion
- censure
- coyness
- heretic
- naïveté
- parry
- renounce
- wistful

Preparing to Read

Focus Your Reading

- Setting can include time and place, but can also include the social and cultural environment in which the action of a story takes place.
- In this story, the author provides many clues about the story's **cultural setting**.
 - *It was clear from the tear-stained pages of Mother's diary that he had been harshly denounced; but the steadfast old man never knuckled under to the authorities.*

Preparing to Read

Focus Your Reading

Despite sweeping political changes, many Chinese customs were slow to change.

- For example, centuries-old traditions dictated that marriages be arranged by the couple's families when the prospective spouses were still young children.



Preparing to Read

Focus Your Reading

Although new laws enacted by the Communists allowed individuals to choose their own marriage partners, marrying for love was still frowned upon.

- Communist teachings encouraged individuals to suppress personal desires for the greater social good.



Reading and Analyzing Active Reading

Identifying Cultural Characteristics

- After you read the opening paragraph, what conclusions can you reach about marriage in China in 1979, when the story begins?



Reading and Analyzing Literary Analysis

Cultural Setting

- The story takes place in Communist China.
- As you read, keep a list of elements of that cultural setting that have a direct influence on the relationship details in the story.
 - » Consider and interpret the possible influences of historical contexts on the selections.

Reading and Analyzing Active Reading

Identify Cultural Characteristics

- What does the lover's decision to marry tell you about Chinese culture?



Reading and Analyzing Literary Analysis

Character

- What does Shanshan's rude comment that her mother is lacking in beauty reveal about Shanshan's character?
- Describe the qualities that attracted Zhong Yu to the man she loved.



Reading and Analyzing Active Reading

- Summarizing
 - Summarize what happened to Zhong Yu's true love.
- Clarifying
 - Clarify what the narrator means when she says her mother had a "locked heart."



Reading and Analyzing Literary Analysis

Cultural Setting

- Reread the last two sentences of the story.
- How does Shanshan's argument for allowing people to live single reflect the cultural setting of this story?

