

Name _____

Date _____

Raggedy CHAN

Understanding a Frame Story Answer Key

A **frame story** is a story in which another story is told, or a story within a story. The story of *Raggedy Chan* takes place within, or is “framed” by, the story of Emma and Auntie Gracie.

Write 1 paragraph for each of the two separate stories being told in the **frame story** of *Raggedy Chan*.

Story 1: Auntie Gracie comes to baby sit her niece, Emma. She thinks Emma should have better appreciation and knowledge of her Chinese heritage. Auntie Gracie teaches Emma how to use chopsticks, to play mahjong, and to make wontons. She even brings Emma a Chinese rag doll named Raggedy Chan so Emma will have a Chinese doll with which to play. In telling Emma the story of Raggedy Chan, Auntie Gracie also teaches her niece some of the difficulties faced by Chinese immigrants.

Story 2. Yao-chi decides she must go after Drought Fury and save Winged Dragon. Without Winged Dragon's rain, Kunlun will and all the people, plants and animals who live there will die. After arriving in America, Yao-chi gives up her Chinese name and takes on a new name, Raggedy Chan, so it will be easier for the Jung-wu to pronounce. After she walks through the Golden Gate, her hair turns to yarn and the silk Chinese outfit she wears is changed into a cotton outfit like the Jung-wu wear. Under great pain and agony, she gets new eyes from Torch Dragon. She suffers further when she gets the Pern-yi caterpillars to replace her skin with cloth. In the end there is a stand-off between Drought Fury and Raggedy Chan. Winged Dragon is saved. He takes Raggedy Chan back to Kunlun where his rain brings Kunlun back to life. Raggedy is not happy in Kunlun and ultimately chooses to return to America and to Paul Bunyan.
