Summarize the following standard and provide an explanation of how we are using that standard with this piece of literature today:

RL 3

What can you tell me about our new narrator?
OBJECTIVES

● Identify what Jing-mei’s mother expects of Jing-mei
● Analyze how Jing-mei’s attitude towards her mother’s expectations develops her character
ACTIVITY 1: STANDARDS

Read through the following standards and determine how you are going to be meeting the expectations of these standards in the lesson today:

W 9.a
ACTIVITY 3: READING COMPREHENSION

Answer the following question:

How does Jing-mei respond to her mother’s expectations?
ACTIVITY 4: COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION ACTIVITY

Discuss the following questions in your group and write your answers in your notebook:

1. How do Jing-mei’s mother’s expectations of her daughter relate to her expectations of America? Use the word *prodigy* (p. 132) to inform your response.

2. Why is Shirley Temple not the “right kind of prodigy” (p. 132) for Jing-mei to emulate?

3. How does Jing-mei feel about her “Peter Pan” haircut? What might this suggest about Jing-mei’s attitude towards her mother’s expectations?
ACTIVITY 4: COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION ACTIVITY

4. Why does Jing-mei try each image of the “prodigy part” of herself “on for size” (p.133)?

5. What does Jing-mei’s conversation with the “prodigy part” of herself (p.133) suggest about how she understands herself?

6. What does Jing-mei’s response of her mother’s tests suggest about her attitude toward her mother’s expectations?
ACTIVITY 4: COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION ACTIVITY

7. What does Jing-mei’s interaction with her own reflection suggest about how she sees herself?

8. How does Jing-mei’s reflection change? How is this transformation reflected in her attitude towards her mother’s expectations?
ACTIVITY 5: QUICK WRITE

Answer the following prompts with a short one paragraph essay answer for each:

According to Jing-mei’s mother, why is Jing-mei “[n]ot the best” (p.136)? What might this suggest about the traits that Jing-mei’s mother values?

What values does Jing-mei express in her defense of the girl on The Ed Sullivan Show? How do these values compare to those of Jing-mei’s mother?
HOMEWORK

Read pages 136 - 138 (from “Three days after watching The Ed Sullivan Show to “I was determined to put a stop to her foolish pride.”)

Vocabulary Lesson 6