

PBS Lesson Series

ELA, Grade 5, Lesson 17

Teacher Packet

CHARACTER	WHAT WE KNOW
Widow Wang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a widow ● Ming-li's mother ● used money on medicine for Ming-li when he was sick ● poor and hungry ● has a dog and cat ● visited by old monk ● monk gives her gift from the gods: magical golden beetle ● surprised at the gift ● told how to use the magical golden beetle when she wants food ● used the magical golden beetle to cook "something" after the monk left her house
Ming-Li	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● son of Widow Wang ● feels bad for his mom ● poor and hungry ● eldest, or oldest, son of Widow Wang ● was very sick during the winter after trying to fix the roof of family's house ● doesn't have a job ● believes the gods will provide ● looks for a job every day

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Old Monk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● bald● tells Widow Wang the gods have heard the prayers of Ming-Li● gives Widow Wang a gift from the gods: magical golden beetle● tells the Widow Wang how to use the magical golden beetle to get food● tells the Widow Wang not to sell the magical golden beetle
Tabby the cat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● hungry● cold● skinny
Blackfoot the dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● hungry● almost dead● cold

Student Independent Practice

Imagine that you are Ming-li. Retell the events in the story from *your* point of view. Start at the beginning of the story as you leave to look for work, and end where our text ended today. Remember, you, your mother, your cat, and your dog are all living a wonderful life full of good food from the magic of the golden beetle. And now, you and your mother have decided to share your wonderful food with friends and family members. Will you share the secret of the golden beetle, too?

Make sure to include thoughts, feelings, and actions from Ming-li's point of view. You might even see things differently than the way the narrator portrayed it. Include good, descriptive words to help your reader see the story you are telling. Also add some dialogue to make your story more interesting to read.

Use your answers from today's questions and your character chart to support your writing.