English 10 World Literature Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit II / How We Relate Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Shadow of the Dragon***

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Directions: Answer the following questions to demonstrate your understanding of the assigned readings.

*Background / Introduction*

1. Read the back cover of the novel and then, to the best of your ability, answer the following:
2. What do you think a re-education camp is?
3. What is a white supremacist skinhead? What would be one of their basic beliefs?

*Prologue*

1. What is a refugee?
2. How much time has passed since the death of the teenager that is referred to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Chapter 1*

1. What literary device did the author use? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. While in the supermarket, why does Danny ‘hide” from the girls he recognizes?
3. How long has it been since Danny has seen his cousin? Where was he then?
4. What is the current setting? Name the city and state. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Although Vietnamese, Danny’s parents have the typical American dream, which is what?
6. Give an example that demonstrates Danny is not always proud of his Vietnamese heritage.
7. Danny’s mother works 2 jobs. Do you currently know anyone who does the same? Please give details in your response.
8. Danny calls the 2 Vietnamese girls “old-fashioned.” List 3 rules regarding female

behavior that these girls were probably taught to follow:

a.

b.

c.

1. What conclusion can you make about **Danny’s character** after the incident in the parking lot?
2. What do you think might be the meaning or significance of the book’s title?

Chapter 2

1. Why is Danny called *Anh-hai*, meaning “ second son,” when he is actually the first born in the family?
2. Who is Nga? What is her relationship to Sang Le? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is her relationship to Ba? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is her fate?

1. Identify each of Danny’s siblings and indicate whether each is a girl or boy.

Chapter 3

1. Now that you have read the tale about the origin of the Vietnamese people, explain the actual meaning of the title.

Chapter 4

1. Kim clearly demonstrates her rebellious nature in this chapter. Name a rule or expectation in your family that you or someone else doesn’t necessarily agree with.
2. Who are Hong and Cuc? Be specific and provide several pieces of information.

Chapter 5

1. Describe the science project that Danny and Calvin were attempting to create. What role will Lashandra be playing, unknown to her?
2. What embarrassing mistake does the ESL teacher make while introducing Shang Le to the class?
3. At the end of his 1st day at an American high school, Sang Le comments: “I must be patient. Nothing of value comes easy. Nothing.” Cite a personal experience to support this claim.

Chapter 6

1. What is Tet? Explain the importance of this event for Danny’s family.
2. Explain the Vietnamese custom regarding one’s birthday. What day is more important?
3. What seems to be holding back Danny’s father from advancing his position at work?
4. What unexpected gift does Tiffany Marie give to Danny at school?
5. Why should the reader be surprised that Sang Le asked Hong to date Danny?

Chapter 7

1. Why does Calvin’s arrival at the party held by Danny’s family cause so much upset?
2. In what way does Sang Le contribute to Danny and Calvin’s science project?
3. What literary device is the author using at the end of this chapter. Explain its meaning.

Chapter 8

1. While trying to get a part-time job, Danny shares the details of Sang Le’s past. Explain the truth of his childhood versus the rumors that have surfaced.
2. What occurs at the end of this chapter that confirms why Danny’s fear of Sang Le becoming involved with Tho and his friends is justified.

Chapter 9

1. Why is Cuc on the date? What is her role?
2. Who is Bradley? Give a full description.
3. Tiffany, claiming to be responsible, does not have a curfew. Do you? What are your limitations? Are you satisfied with this?

Chapter 10

1. Mrs. Kendrick asks about her “truant student.” What does this mean? Whom is she referring to?
2. What is the age of wisdom, according to the Vietnamese? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why is Frank so prejudiced against the Vietnamese, and, therefore, Danny?

Chapter 11

1. What ‘favor” does Sang Le ask of Danny after finding Kim and safely returning her to her family?

Chapter 12

1. What simile is used to describe Sang Le’s nervousness about seeing Hong? (p. 248)
2. Who said: “Money is nothing, child. Honor and respect are everything.” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

Chapter 13

1. Describe your reaction/feelings as you read about the fight in which Danny is a victim.

Chapter 14

1. Whom do you think Sang Le fought with? Why?

Chapter 15

1. Do you agree with Tiffany’s wish for Danny to keep quiet about the incident? Please justify your response.
2. Having the “blood of the dragon” causes Danny to finally do what?

Epilogue

1. What signifies that Ba is still mourning the death of her grandson?
2. Do you believe Tiffany is innocent of any wrongdoing? Explain.
3. What is the significance of Danny telling his siblings the story about dragons?
4. If you could change the ending of this story, what would be the outcome?
5. Did you find this story to be realistic? Plausible? Cite two specific reasons to support your answer.

I think this story is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

1. Reason #1:
2. Reason #2:

**Bonus**: On a scale of 1 to 10, rate this novel. Would you recommend it to a friend? Why or why not?