**The Ballad of Mulan**

In this poem students will read and reread a classic Chinese folktale, The Ballad of Mulan. The events in the story will be used by a story map. Students will determine the central message of the story and analyze Mulan's actions, thoughts, and feelings and how they contribute to the sequence of events and, ultimately, the moral of the story.

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* Father is old and frail
* sorrowful sighs
* I must fight in Father's place
* purchasing items from different markets
* dressing in men's armor
* sad farewell
* thought she heard mother calling her name
* longed to hear father's voice
* rode ten thousand miles to fight a hundred battles
* crossed peaks and passes
* endured hardship
* knowing her father was safe warmed her heart
* returned as a great general
* praised by Emperor
* no need for honors or gold
* asked to go home
* smiled, removed armor and put on dress
* brushed hair and pasted yellow flower on face
* smiled in mirror
* happy to be home
* loved her family
* served her country
* asked for nothing in return