

Moments that Mattered Filled In

What was the moment?	What did you notice about Ji-Li?	Changes in Ji-Li
When you think back on the whole book, what are the moments that stand out most sharply in your memory?	What do you notice about what she says, does, or thinks during that moment?	How does what she does, says, feels, or thinks show a change from her actions, emotions, or thoughts before?
She was happy because she was loved and respected. She was proud because she was able to excel. (Prologue, 4)	She was always positive	She's full of hope and happy
"And I was happy until that fateful year in 1966." (Prologue, 5)	She was always positive until something happened.	
She got off the bus and saw people trying to destroy a sign; she saw a man being ridiculed for his pants and shoes. (Destroy the Four Olds, 24 -27)	She pitied them, but also felt that the man was to blame if he wasn't following; first signs of her participating	She's starting to doubt what brings happiness - is confused
She learned that her political background was different than the one that is being pushed. (Red Successors, 58)	She realized that she wasn't comfortable	More confused - trying to figure out why it's important
There was a da-zi-bao posted about her at her school that said she was having an inappropriate relationship with a teacher (Writing Da-Zi-Bao, 41)	She was concerned and shocked; betrayed by classmates; sad and scared about how people will react	She becomes sad and embarrassed, feeling more hopeless
Red Guards searched her home the first time and ransacked it; they destroyed a lot of her things (Search in Passing, 88)	She was sad and shocked because they were disrespecting her things; afraid of what they would find; started to stop trusting the government	More scared and still losing hope

Met with Officer Ma to change her name so that it would change her class status and she would receive better treatment, however she realized that if she changes her name she has to break all ties with her "black" family (Half City Jiangs, 23-24)	She started to realize that her family was more important than her social reputation and that they are manipulating her to join the Communist Party	Breaking point for her, she asked herself what am I doing , what do I want - what needs to be done to make her hopeful and happy again
She did her presentation and it was very emotional, the Chairman came to her and asked her to be part of them by telling on her dad. She refused saying that her dad never said anything against Chairman Mao (The Class Education Exhibition, 43 - 44)	Starting to defend her family and honor	Starting to fight for what's truly important to her
Her mom and uncle started writing the letter to Municipal Party complaining about the negative treatment from Red Guards (Incriminating Letter, 8)	Scared and worried about the discovery and punishment; dad is already in trouble	
She hides the letter in the litter box; the Red Guards come searching and accuse her of having it (Incriminating Letter, 30)	She felt antagonized and realized that they are being manipulative	She is gaining strength and reason to fight against them
Made her Grandma and mom kneel down as further manipulation - slapped the grandma (Incriminating Letter, 41)	Strong distrust of the Red Guards	
Realizes that she would have to start taking care of her family if something were to happen (Sweeping)	It is her duty to take care of family, family is most important, she tells herself that she won't give up	Realizes that her true hope and happiness is with her family