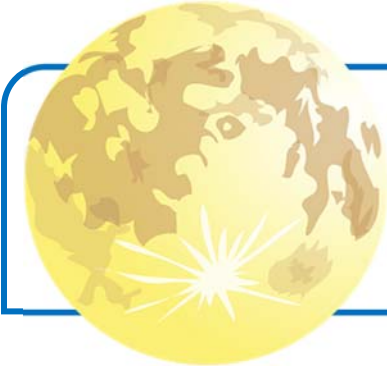


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## Moonlight Legend

**Directions:** Read the passage about the myth of Chang'e and the Moon. Then, answer the comprehension and symbolism questions that follow.

Long ago, in ancient China, there lived a brave archer named Hou Yi and his kind wife, Chang'e. When ten suns rose into the sky at once and scorched the Earth, Hou Yi used his bow to shoot down nine of them, saving the world. As a reward, he was given a magical elixir that would grant immortality. Hou Yi did not wish to live forever without his beloved wife, so he hid the elixir safely at home.

One night, a greedy thief tried to steal it. To protect it, Chang'e quickly drank the potion herself. Instantly, she floated up toward the heavens and landed on the glowing moon, where she became a luminous goddess. From then on, people admired the bright full moon each year during the Mid-Autumn Festival, believing they could see Chang'e's graceful figure shining above—a symbol of love, sacrifice, and eternal light.

1. Who were the main characters in the story, and what heroic act did Hou Yi perform?
2. Why did Chang'e drink the elixir, and what happened to her afterward?
3. What does the moon symbolize in this myth?
4. How does the story of Chang'e reflect Chinese cultural values about love and sacrifice?
5. Why do you think this legend continues to be celebrated during festivals today?
6. If you could ask Chang'e one question about her choice, what would it be and why?

**Extension Challenge:** Write a short paragraph comparing the story of Chang'e to another myth or legend about the moon from any culture. What similarities or differences do you notice?