

## Moonlight Legend Answer Key

### Sample Responses:

1. The main characters are Hou Yi and Chang'e. Hou Yi shot down nine suns to save the Earth.
2. Chang'e drank the elixir to keep it from being stolen and became the goddess of the Moon.
3. The moon symbolizes eternal love, protection, and light after loss.
4. The myth highlights devotion, selflessness, and the strength of love in Chinese culture.
5. It reminds people of hope, reunion, and family togetherness during holidays.
6. Answers will vary (e.g., "I would ask if she regrets leaving Earth" or "I'd ask if she can still see Hou Yi from the moon").

### Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Reading comprehension, cultural mythology, symbolism interpretation, and inferential reasoning.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For emerging readers, read the passage aloud with dramatic pauses and visual aids of the moon or festival lanterns.
  - For advanced learners, encourage them to identify symbolic themes such as immortality, devotion, and sacrifice.
- **Engagement Idea:** Have students create a "Moon Art Reflection" - draw the moon with a quote or line from the passage that best represents Chang'e's spirit.
- **Extension Activity:**
  - Research another lunar myth (e.g., Artemis, Selene, or the Native American Moon stories) and present comparisons in a short paragraph.
  - Hold a class discussion on how myths use nature (like the moon) to explain human emotions and cultural beliefs.