

Day 34 Oct 28

Take out "They Have Yarns" Questions and answer #3-5 on the same sheet as the other questions.

Goals:

- Go over "They Have Yarns"
- images
- mood

"Grandma Ling"



"They Have Yarns"

1. A yarn is a story or a tale told aloud.
2. People tell yarns aloud to friends and acquaintances usually for entertainment in a "serious" voice even if the tale is absurd.
3. a) the thick fog that could be "shingled" and the cyclone that picked up cook stoves and wagon tracks and reassembled them; b) the mosquitos that could kill a dog or a man; c) the fast and accurate sheep counter
- 4) d) Pecos Pete, Paul Bunyan, & John Henry
- 5) People use a) exaggeration or b) sometimes absurdity - a self evident contradiction, or c) repetition

"Grandma Ling"

What is imagery? (p. 27 in ELA Text Pack)

What is mood? (p. 16 in the ELA Text Pack)

What is the connection between imagery and mood?

Grandma Ling 祖母

Amy Ling

If you dig that hole deep enough,
you'll reach China, they used to tell me,
a child in a back yard in Pennsylvania.
Not strong enough to dig that hole,
I waited twenty years,
then sailed back, half way around the world.

In Taiwan I first met Grandma.
Before she came to view, I heard
her slippered feet softly measure
the tatami¹⁰ floor with even step;
the aqua paper-covered door slid open
and there I faced
my five foot height, sturdy legs and feet,
square forehead, high cheeks and wide-set eyes;
my image stood before me,
acted on by fifty years.

She smiled, stretched her arms
to take to heart the eldest daughter
of her youngest son a quarter century away.
She spoke a tongue I knew no word of,
and I was sad I could not understand,
but I could hug her.

10. **tatami** (tā-tā'mē): floor mat woven of rice straw.