



## Anticipation Guide for Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club*

True or False? What do you think are some of the themes of Amy Tan's novel *The Joy Luck Club*? After marking each answer true or false, we will discuss why you chose the answer you did.

**True**   **False**

- \_\_\_   \_\_\_   1. "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree." Children eventually turn out much like their parents.
- \_\_\_   \_\_\_   2. Even long after someone comes to a new country, they still maintain the same cultural values as when they left.
- \_\_\_   \_\_\_   3. Family and honor should take priority over the rights of the individual.
- \_\_\_   \_\_\_   4. Fate plays more of a role in our lives than does individual will and determinism.
- \_\_\_   \_\_\_   5. Everyone has one or two particular talents that set them apart, and that is what makes them unique and individual.
- \_\_\_   \_\_\_   6. Parents are always proud of their children, even if they fail.
- \_\_\_   \_\_\_   7. Managing finances and costs is not one of the most important aspects of a marriage.
- \_\_\_   \_\_\_   8. Children do not always appreciate the value of their parents' wisdom and advice.
- \_\_\_   \_\_\_   9. There are some experiences that we have at a young age that affect the rest of our lives.