

**Step 1→  
HOMEWORK**

**NONE**

**Step 2→**

**Common Errors and  
Poetry**

**A Day: 9/8/16**

**B Day: 8/26/16**

**Step 3→  
Start the  
Welcome  
Work**

Read Feathers From a Thousand Li Away (pg. 17)

How does this passage unite all of the mothers' stories in The Joy Luck Club?

Song of the day:

## *Feathers From a Thousand LI Away*

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*The old woman remembered a swan she had bought many years ago in Shanghai for a foolish sum. This bird, boasted the market vendor, was once a duck that stretched its neck in hopes of becoming a goose, and now look!—it is too beautiful to eat.*

*Then the woman and the swan sailed across an ocean many thousands of li wide, stretching their necks toward America. On her journey she cooed to the swan: "In America I will have a daughter just like me. But over there nobody will say her worth is measured by the loudness of her husband's belch. Over there nobody will look down on her, because I will make her speak only perfect American English. And over there she will always be too full to swallow any sorrow! She will know my meaning, because I will give her this swan—a creature that became more than what was hoped for."*

*But when she arrived in the new country, the immigration officials pulled her swan away from her, leaving the woman fluttering her arms and with only one swan feather for a memory. And then she had to fill out so many forms she forgot why she had come and what she had left behind.*

*Now the woman was old. And she had a daughter who grew up speaking only English and swallowing more Coca-Cola than sorrow. For a long time now the woman had wanted to give her daughter the single swan feather and tell her, "This feather may look worthless, but it comes from afar and carries with it all my good intentions." And she waited, year after year, for the day she could tell her daughter this in perfect American English.*

# Grammar Lesson #1

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Let's work on some common errors.

There, Their, They're

Definitely

To, Too, Two

Your, You're

Its, It's

Write a paragraph that includes each word.



# Poetry Activity

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3 Levels of Meaning

# Reflection

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How does this poem connect to *The Joy Luck Club*?

*Use textual evidence from both works to support your idea.s*