

Movie Review- Disney's *Mulan*

Disney's *Mulan*, released in 1998, is one of the most prominent representations of Chinese culture in America, and one of the ways that many young American children are first exposed to China. Based on a traditional Chinese story, it tells the tale of a young woman who disguises herself as a man to protect her country from invaders.

Directions: Watch *Mulan* and write a 3 paragraph review. The main question you should answer is: **Based on your knowledge about its customs, traditions, and culture, does this movie provide an accurate portrayal of Ancient China?**

While you watch, take notes on how *Mulan* portrays the following items:

- Government
- Geography
- Ancestors
- Filial piety
- Gender roles
- Cultural contributions
- Philosophy

The following sites may provide helpful information. If you use information from one of these sites, be sure to quote and/or cite it.

“Disney's *Mulan* takes a hammer to a Chinese puzzle”

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/film/2010/sep/09/mulan-disney-reel-history>

“A Mu Lan removed from Disney discrepancies”

<http://www.heroinesinhistory.com/ang.html>

“China vs. Disney: The Battle for *Mulan*”

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1944598,00.html>

Due Thursday, January 10th / Friday, January 11th in class.

Take Movie Notes Below

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