

The open book test this week is to watch the movie at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZB7HYhUpDz8> using class time (or your own time after class if you have many AP tests to go.) Then write the reflection in English to the following prompts:

1. Pick 3 acts/themes reflecting Chinese culture that the story writer wanted to convey to the audience
2. It is said that this movie was not allowed to show in theaters in PRC, describe 3 acts/themes/history that PRC government felt insulted by this movie or not wanting people to know/remember about what government did.

Your write up needs to have supporting points and elaboration. For example, the movie shows that so_and_so say/did this_or_that therefore I believe ...

Please note that this test carries very heavy weight of your grade. Please take it seriously. At least one page long is expected.

Your write up is due Monday, May 19, 2014.

Names used in the movie are:

fú guì 福贵 husband (gambler who lost the house)

jiā zhēn 家珍 wife

lóng èr 龙二 leader of puppet troupe who won over the house of 福贵

lǎo quán 老全 the soldier friend

cūnzhǎng 村长 town/village leader

chūn shēng 春生 waiter at gambling place, later driver, and the district leader

yǒu qìng 有庆 son (died due to 春生's car knocked down brick wall ... over him)

fèng xiá 凤霞 daughter (died because lack of professional medical service)

èr xǐ 二喜 son-in-law (凤霞's husband)

mántou 馒头 grandson

Some quotes:

福贵：鸡养大了就变成了鹅，鹅养大了就变成了羊，羊再养大了就变成了牛啦！

有庆：牛以后呢？

福贵：牛以后就是共产主义啦！就天天吃饺子，天天吃肉啦！」

福贵：鸡长大了就变成了鹅，鹅长大了就变成了羊，羊长大了就变成了牛！

馒头：牛以后呢？

家珍：牛以后啊，馒头就长大了。

馒头：我要骑在牛背上。

家珍：对，馒头就骑在牛背上。

福贵：馒头长大了就不骑牛啦，就坐火车，坐飞机。那个时候啊，日子就愈来愈好。