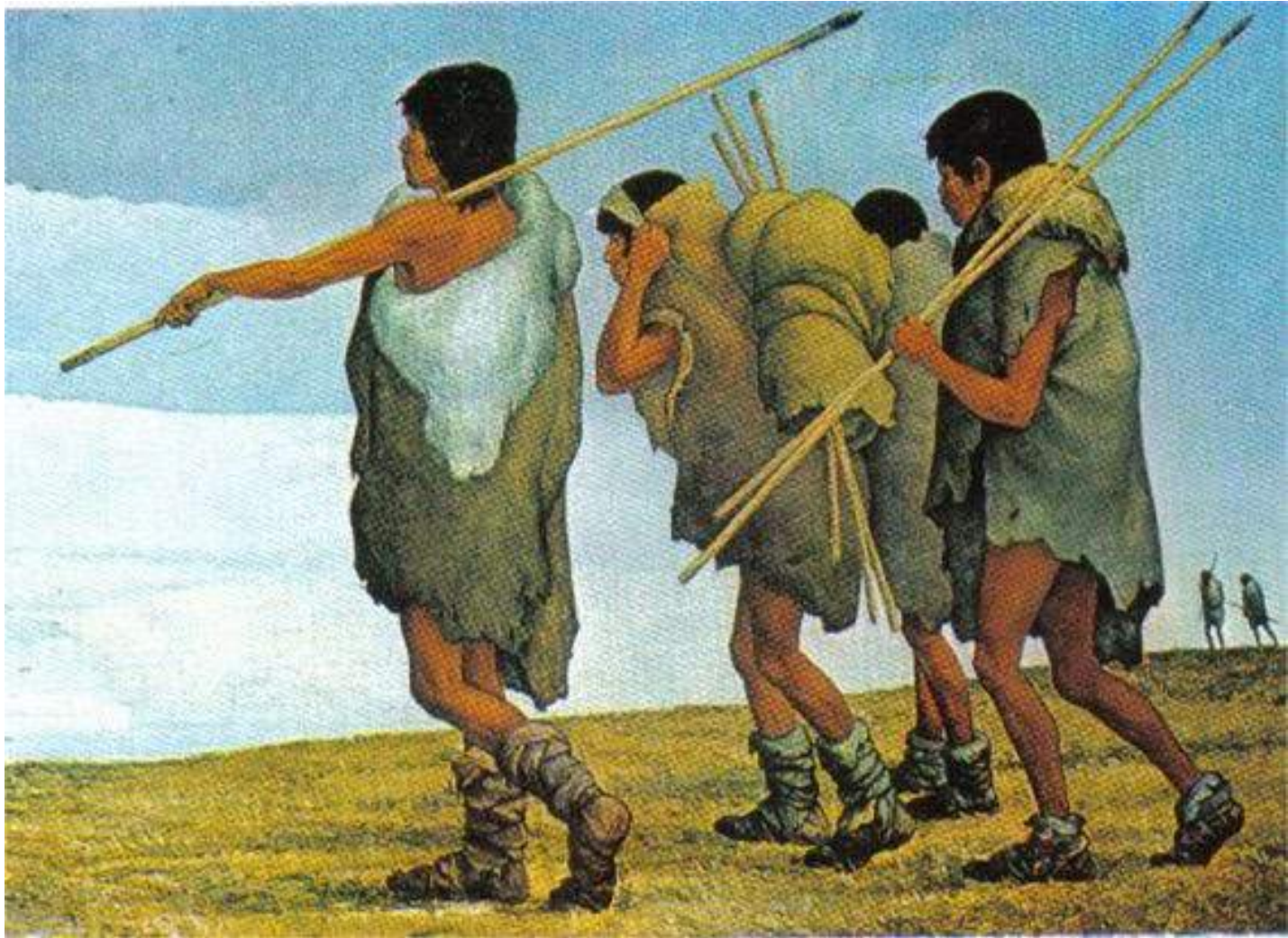


Why Chinese Mothers are Superior



American mothers of Chinese descent are known as “Tiger Moms” for the forceful way in which they instill discipline upon their children. This image is courtesy of dosageconsulting.com.

Approximately 50,000 years ago, Asians first came to the Americas seeking a better life.



This image shows Asians crossing the Bering Strait between what is now Russia and Alaska. This image is courtesy historyofamerica.info

And ever since then people have been arriving in the Americas trying to improve their situations.



Landing of Columbus by John Vanderlyn. Oil on canvas, 1846. This painting was placed in the rotunda of the United States Capitol in 1847. Image courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol.

Sometimes those coming to America brought their families or began to have families here.



By 1750 Jamestown was secure from attacks from the local Native Americans. The tobacco trade led to the steady growth of what was then the capital of Virginia. This painting by Keith Rocco is courtesy of the National Park Service.

Most parents, whether they are rich or poor want what is best for their children.



This image is a detail from the painting *Allegory of the Tudar Dynasty*. It is attributed to Lucas de Heere. The monarchs from left to right include Phillip II of Spain, Queen Mary I of England, King Henry VIII of England, King Edward VI of England, and Queen Elizabeth of England. It was painted circa 1572 and is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Most parents want their children to have a better life than their parents had.



From A Spanish man and an Amerindian woman, a Mestizo is Produced. This painting , probably by Juan de la Cruz Cano y Olmedilla (1734-1790) is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

But what should parents do to help their child to become successful as an adult?



This image is titled Heads of Six of Hogarth's Servants. It was painted by William Hogarth circa the 1750s and is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Should children have everything that they want given to them in order to become successful?



This image by Jean-Baptiste Greuze (1725-1805) is called *The Spoiled Child*. It was created in 1765 and is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Should children be made to work very hard because it will be “good for them” and better prepare them for adulthood?



English colonists at Jamestown, Virginia unwind silk fiber from cocoons. Silk production was encouraged in Virginia because silk was expensive, was relatively easy to transport, and was always in demand among the wealthy. It has a shiny look and will readily absorb dye. It is almost as strong as cotton, and is more flexible than cotton or linen. Families would work together on silk production. This image is courtesy of the National Park Service.

Or are there other ways to raise children to help them to be successful adults?



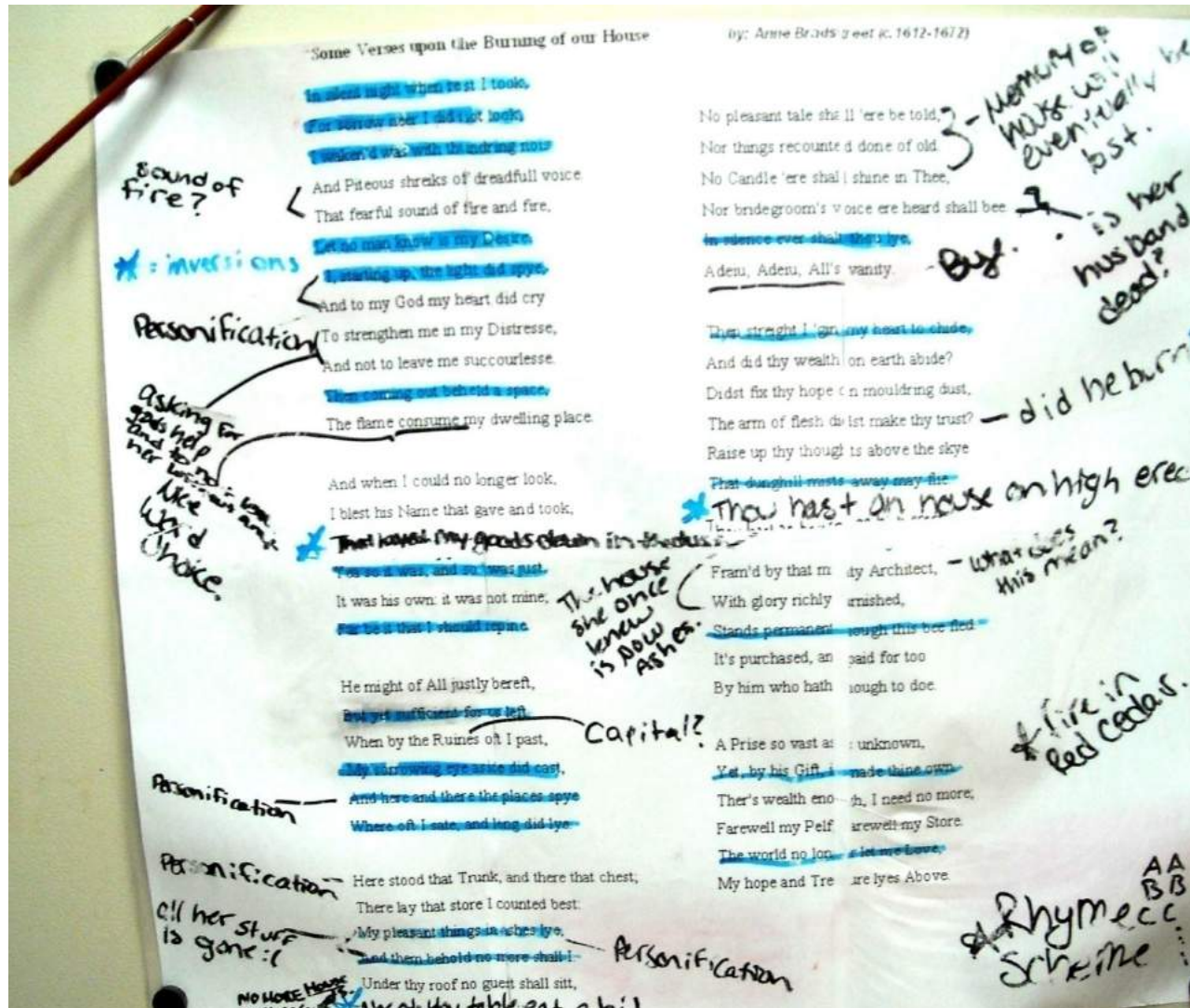
An indentured servant was frequently a young, unskilled laborer contracted to work for an employer for a fixed period of time, typically three to seven years. In exchange for his work, the employer would provide his indentured servant : transportation, food, clothing, lodging, and other necessities during the term of his or her indenture. They were not paid wages. This image of indentured servants is courtesy of the College of William and Mary.

Today we are going to read an article by an American mother of Chinese descent who explains how she is raising her children.



Amy Chua with her daughters, Louisa and Sophia, at their home in New Haven, Connecticut. This image was taken by Erin Patrice O'Brien for the Wall Street Journal.

You will “Talk to the Text” as you read the article, so I expect lots of writing on your copy of the article as I walk around to inspect your papers.



An example of “Talking to the Text.” This image is courtesy of kayladanay.com.

Highlight in **green** any sentences or phrases that you agree with, and write next to them why you agree.



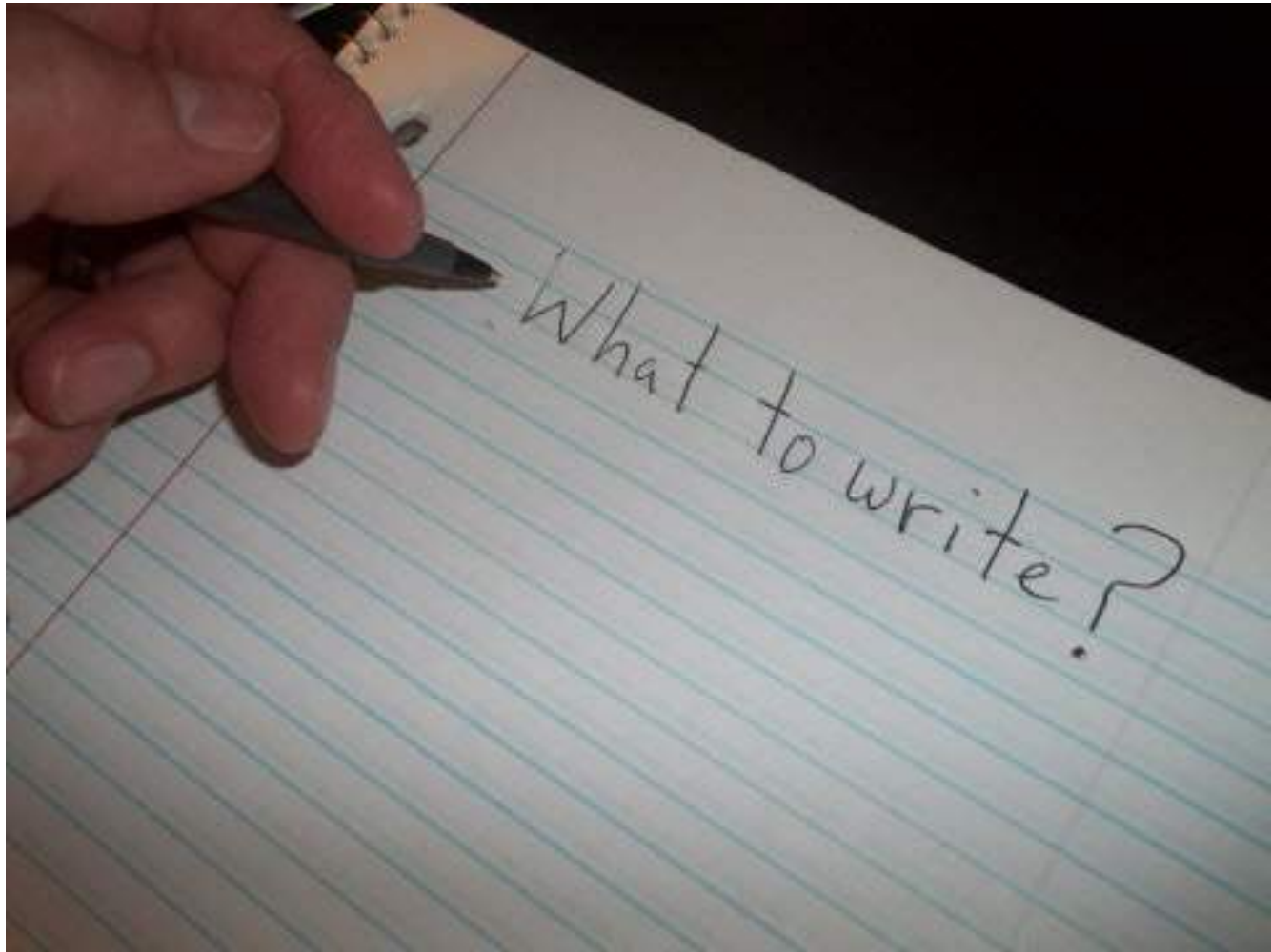
Green is usually associated with growth and other positive ideas in western society. This image is courtesy of businessstockphotos.com.

Underline sentences or phrases in **red pen** that you disagree with, and write next to them why you disagree.



The color red can frequently signify trouble or danger. This image is courtesy of shopbrodart.com.

I also want you to **write on the blank sheet** your response to the following question **using at least three pieces of evidence from the article or from your own knowledge: How successful do you think that you would be as an adult if the author of the article was your mother?**



The best way to write is to just start writing. This image is courtesy of familyhistoryproducts.com.

Her daughters, and other children like hers, after all, could be your competition in life.



Amy Chua watches her daughter Sophia Chua-Rubenfeld practice playing piano in her home in New Haven, Connecticut, United States, on Dec 20., 2011. This image is courtesy of chinadaily.com.

Be prepared to discuss your thoughts about the article with the class.



This photograph of a reenactment of the first meeting of the House of Burgesses at Jamestown, Virginia, is courtesy of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pick up a blank sheet of paper on the counter by the windows.



This excellent piece of lined paper shows that the tree from which the paper came gave its life for a worthy cause. This image is courtesy of [rgbstock.com](https://www.rgbstock.com).

The highlighters are on the counter by the windows.



Highlighters are frequently used to focus on or “highlight” important parts of the text. This image is from ibexp.com.

The **Red Pens** are on my desk.



This image of a paper mate red ink pen is courtesy of shopbrodart.com.

When instructed, you will discuss your reaction to the article **quietly** with your partner and those in your group.



12 Angry Men is a 1957 film based on a teleplay of the same name by Reginald Rose. It tells the story of a jury made up of 12 men as they deliberate the guilt or innocence of a defendant. Starring from left to right are: Jack Warden, Edward Binns, E.G. Marshall, John Fiedler, Henry Fonda, Ed Begley Sr., Robert Webber, Jack Klugman, Jiri "George" Voskovec, Martin Balsam, Joseph Sweeney. This image is courtesy of keenetrial.com.

Be prepared to stand up and share your reaction to the article with the class.



The more that we stand up and share, the easier it will be to share your thoughts with the class.
This image is courtesy of soccerclassroom.com.

Pick up the articles on the small table by the map of the world
(if you have not already picked them up).

- 1. Read the article to yourself.
 - Highlight in **green** the sentences or phrases that you agree with, and write next to them why you agree.
 - Underline sentences or phrases in **red pen** that you disagree with, and write next to them why you disagree.
- 2. On the separate sheet respond to the following question using at least three pieces of evidence from the article or from your own knowledge:

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- 3. Be prepared to discuss the article with the class.