

## **GEOGRAPHY**

We will be learning to draw the final portion of the United States this week. Students should practice drawing and labeling ALL of the United States including Alaska and Hawaii. In class I reiterated the importance of drawing the outline of the US, followed by a certain vertical line and horizontal line (students know which lines these are) to divide the US into four quadrants. To clarify, the vertical line is NOT the Mississippi River as I incorrectly stated in class.

**Literature Terms to memorize:** fiction, non-fiction, short story and novel.

**Read Chapters 1-XIV of *Dragon's Gate* and answer the questions below. We will be finishing the last half of this book for Co-op #12. As you read the book, identify these elements of the story — complete sentences are not necessary for questions 1-8.**

1. Physical Setting
2. Temporal Setting
3. Cultural Setting
4. Genre
5. Protagonist
6. Antagonist
7. Theme (choose one word for the theme)
8. Narrator

**Answer the discussion questions below in complete sentences, please.**

9. Why were Otter's father and uncle in America?
10. Did Otter want to go to America? Why or why not?
11. What finally forced him to join his father in America?
12. How did Otter feel when he discovered the social status of his father and uncle in America?
13. How is the reality of life in America different from what he expected?
14. How did this impact their relationship?
15. Why was Otter part of a group of misfits?

**Select TWO quotes from below to explain their meaning in context, and what they reveal about the character speaking. Do you agree with the speaker?**

*"You can learn to change the world or go on being changed by it."* (Uncle Foxfire)

*"Uncle Foxfire had been right about learning things from the Americans. He had just been wrong about the source and the scale."* (Otter)

*"It's war...Because the mountain can kill you in a dozen different ways before you can blink an eye. And victory is twenty centimeters a shift."* (Squeaky/Father)

What does Uncle Foxfire mean when he suggests that Americans are *"better in theory than in practice?"*