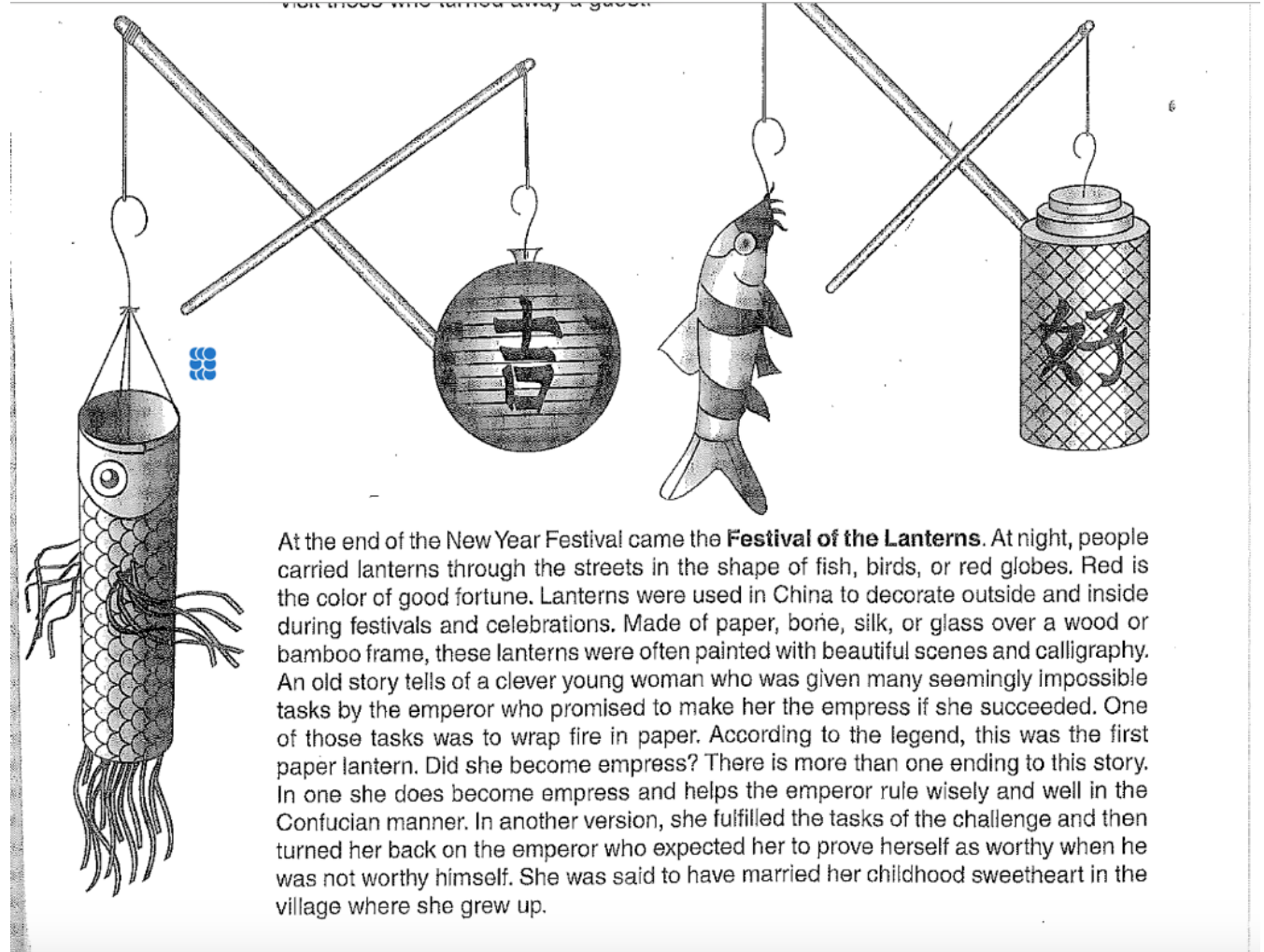


Hi, all! For our 5/6 history *CHINA* simulation, our final task was to learn about Chinese Festivals. One of these is the Festival of Lanterns. We learned:



At the end of the New Year Festival came the **Festival of the Lanterns**. At night, people carried lanterns through the streets in the shape of fish, birds, or red globes. Red is the color of good fortune. Lanterns were used in China to decorate outside and inside during festivals and celebrations. Made of paper, bone, silk, or glass over a wood or bamboo frame, these lanterns were often painted with beautiful scenes and calligraphy. An old story tells of a clever young woman who was given many seemingly impossible tasks by the emperor who promised to make her the empress if she succeeded. One of those tasks was to wrap fire in paper. According to the legend, this was the first paper lantern. Did she become empress? There is more than one ending to this story. In one she does become empress and helps the emperor rule wisely and well in the Confucian manner. In another version, she fulfilled the tasks of the challenge and then turned her back on the emperor who expected her to prove herself as worthy when he was not worthy himself. She was said to have married her childhood sweetheart in the village where she grew up.

The assignment was to:

1. Read the "Lantern Poetry" description (below)
2. Write at least three lantern poems, or several poems strung together, and put **YOUR BEST ONE POEM** into [5/6 LANTERN POEMS, April 3, 2020](#)
3. Option A: Make a Chinese Lantern with one of your poems on it; photograph and send to Sue for Extra Points!
4. Option B: Include your name or leave it anonymous
4. Option C: Read your classmates' Lantern Poems and leave them a compliment in the Speaker Notes at the bottom of their slides