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Hi, I'm Amy Chua, and thanks so much for visiting my website! *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* is my family's story. I wrote this book in a moment of crisis, when my younger daughter seemed to turn against everything I stood for and it felt like I was losing her and everything was falling apart. After one terrible fight, I sat down at my computer and the words just poured out. I showed every page to my daughters and my husband. It was like family therapy.

I was raised by very strict, Chinese immigrant parents, who came to the US as graduate students with practically no money. As parents, they demanded total respect and were very tough with my three younger sisters and me. We got in trouble for A minuses, had to drill Maths and piano every day, no sleepovers, no boyfriends. But the strategy worked with me. To this day, I'm very close to my parents, and I feel I owe them everything. In fact, I believe that my parents' having high expectations for me, coupled with love, is the greatest gift anyone has ever given me. That's why I tried to raise my own two daughters the same way my parents raised me.

With my first daughter, Sofia, things went smoothly. But my second daughter, Lulu is a real fireball and at thirteen, she rebelled. This book is basically the story of my own transformation as a mother. While I definitely have regrets, if I had to raise my girls all over again, I guess I would basically do the same thing, with some adjustments. The book is about believing in your child more than anyone else - more than they believe in themselves - and helping them realise their potential, whatever it may be. My youngest sister, Cindy, has Down syndrome, and I remember my mother spending hours and hours with her, teaching her to tie her own shoelaces, drilling multiplication tables, practicing piano every day with her. My mom wanted her to be the best she could be, within her limits. Today, Cindy works at Walmart, has a boyfriend, and still plays the piano - one of her favourite things is performing for her friends. She and my mom have a wonderful relationship, and we all love her for who she is. I genuinely believe that there are many ways of being a good parent. We all want our kids to grow up happy, strong, and self-reliant. But different cultures have very different ideas about the best way to do that. And we should all be able to learn from each other.

1. This is _____.
 1. a website
 2. a fiction book
 3. a letter to the fans
 4. the author's review of her book
2. Amy Chua wrote the book *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* _____.
 1. in memory of her parents
 2. to prove she was really talented
 3. in attempt to resolve the conflict with her younger daughter
 4. to set an example to her daughters
3. When the author's family read the book _____.
 1. they were surprised
 2. they began to understand each other
 3. it was a real shock
 4. nothing changed
4. Amy Chua's parents were _____.
 1. really severe
 2. very demanding
 3. too bossy
 4. quite indifferent
5. Amy's parents punished their daughters for _____ as they wanted them to be the best in class.
 1. bad marks
 2. bad behaviour
 3. good marks
 4. coming late

6. Amy _____ her parents' style of bringing up children.
1. hates
 2. criticises
 3. appreciates
 4. doubts
7. Parents should be demanding because they want their children _____.
1. to obey them in everything
 2. to be rich
 3. to realise their abilities
 4. to study better
8. Amy's younger sister with Down syndrome achieved great success because of _____.
1. a special school
 2. her sisters' help
 3. her will power
 4. her parents' efforts

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