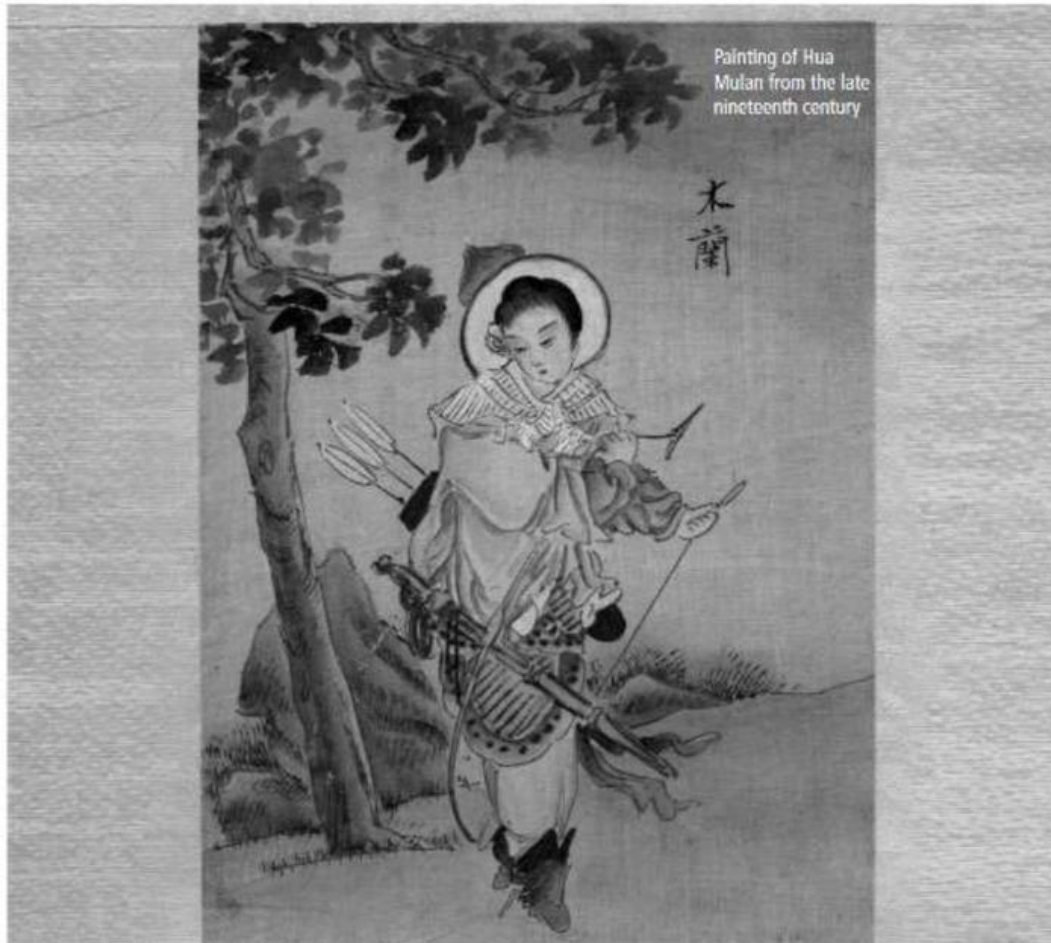


Writing

1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Hua Mulan is said _____
- 2 She is best known _____
- 3 In battle, she made great contributions _____
- 4 Thanks to her talents as a fighter, _____
- 5 One of her major achievements was _____
- 6 She devoted twelve years _____
- 7 As a woman living and working in a man's world, she was _____

- a to the fighting and helped her side to victory.
- b keeping her true identity hidden while being such a talented soldier.
- c to have lived about 1,600 years ago in China.
- d ahead of her time.
- e of her life to the army.
- f for disguising herself as a man in order to join the army.
- g she was able to survive and win the respect of the men around her.



- 2 For each statement (1–3), circle the paraphrase that gives the same information as the original without being too similar.

1

“The story of Hua Mulan comes from an ancient Chinese poem called the “Ballad of Mulan.””

- a Hua Mulan's story comes from the ancient Chinese poem the “Ballad of Mulan.”
- b The source of Hua Mulan's story is the “Ballad of Mulan,” an old poem from China.
- c The “Ballad of Mulan” is an old Chinese poem.

2

“It's a short poem, thought to have originated as a folk tale in the fourth or fifth centuries because of references to the period.”

- a The poem talks about the fourth and fifth centuries, so many believe it comes from a story first told at that time.
- b People think the poem originated in the fourth or fifth centuries as a folk tale.
- c The short poem was probably a story originally told in the fourth or fifth centuries because of references to the period.

3

“Readers often wonder whether Hua Mulan was a real person in Chinese history. Research suggests this is unlikely. We do not have existing evidence to prove Hua Mulan is a historical figure who lived during a particular time.”

- a Was Hua Mulan real? Unlikely. We don't have any evidence to prove that she lived during a particular time.
- b I've often wondered if Hua Mulan was real, but I don't think she was.
- c There isn't any proof that Hua Mulan actually existed as a real person.

- 3 Think of someone other than the person you wrote about in the Student's Book. You could choose a fictional character or a real one. Write a biography.

- Include a title and introduction that will get the reader's attention.
- Give some details about where and when they lived.
- Describe their character and personality.
- Explain some important or interesting things they did.
- Write a conclusion.

Look at the Learning to Learn box. Complete your learning journal.

LEARNING TO LEARN: YOUR JOURNAL

Use the questions below to help you think about your progress over Units 8 and 9. Then write or record your thoughts in your learning journal.

- Which unit was more enjoyable—Unit 8 or Unit 9?
- Which parts were the most interesting or memorable?
- Which tasks were the most challenging?
- Were the Grammar sections harder than previous ones, the same difficulty, or easier? Are you happy with your progress?
- How did you feel doing the Listening tasks? Do you feel more confident about your ability to understand what you hear?
- Do you think you'll do anything differently in Unit 10?
- And finally, read or listen to your earlier journal entries. Do you notice any progress or improvement?

I feel more confident about expressing myself clearly when I write.