**Study Guide: *The Joy Luck Club***

* **Characters, meanings of names, and their familial relationships**
  + Woo Family
    - Suyuan Woo
    - Canning Woo
    - Jing-Mei (June) Woo
      * Name her sisters as well
  + Hsu Family
    - Popo
    - Aunt and Uncle
    - An-Mei Hsu
    - George Hsu
    - An-Mei’s mother
    - Wu-Tsing
    - Rose Hsu Jordan
    - Ted Jordan
    - Bing
    - Mark
    - Luke
    - Matthew
    - Ruth
    - Janice
  + Jong Family
    - Lindo Jong
    - Huang Taitai
    - Tyan-yu
    - Tin Jong
    - Waverly Jong
    - Marvin Chen
    - Rich Schields
    - Shoshana
  + St. Clair Family
    - Ying-Ying St. Clair
    - Clifford St. Clair
    - Lena St. Clair
    - Harold Livotny
* **Review the Prologues from each section**
  + “Feathers from a Thousand Li Away”
  + “The Twenty-Six Malignant Gates”
  + “American Translation”
  + “Queen Mother of the Western Skies”
* **Themes and motifs**
* **Symbols (including but not limited to the following:)**
  + Plants
  + Jewels
  + Books
  + Furniture
  + Food
* **Conflicts (what conflicts do the mothers and daughters have)**
  + **Furthermore, what is Tan suggesting about conflicts between mothers and daughters**
* **Elements** 
  + **wood, water, metal, fire, earth**
  + **There are several places where elements are addressed, and an imbalance impacts a character’s personality.**
* **Archetypes!**
  + **Especially character, but colors and settings are in there, too.**