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“Archer’s Quest” by Linda Sue Park

Book Talk:

What would you do if someone dressed in strange clothes suddenly crashed into your bedroom – pointing a bow and arrow at you? Kevin was scared, but he tried to be brave. Standing before him is Chu-Mong, an ancient Korean archer from the 1st century B.C. Kevin must find way to return him to his own time, or history will be changed forever.

Questions:

Who is “little Frog?” (Kevin)

What nationality is Kevin? (Korean American)

What does “Archie” stand for? (Skillful Archer or Chu – Mong)

What year was Chu Mong born?(55 B.C. Ruled Koguryo in 37 BC)

Where is Kogurgo? (Korea in the past)

What does Kevin use to figure out details about dates? (math and the Chinese zodiac)

What sign/year in the Chinese Zodiac are both K & A? (Tiger)

What are the elements used in the Chinese year? (Water, earth, wood, fire, metal)

How did Kevin do research about ancient Korea and Chu Mong? (Internet, Globe, Museum and Mr. Lee)

Where did they go to find the first tiger? (zoo)

What was wrong with the first tiger? (not from Korea)

Where did they find the second tiger? (Statue at the University)

Why did they need a tiger? (Archie needed it to travel back to the past on)

Why did Archie’s father want him killed? (Because he wasn’t his 1st born and it was predicted that he’d become a great king)

How did he survive the different times his father tried to have him killed? (Forest/animals too care of him, etc.)

How does he escape his brothers and get across the river? (turtles)

Why is Mr. Lee trying to catch up with Kevin and Archie? (He feels Kevin’s in danger, that either Archie is crazy – or if he’s really from the past – he wants to question him.)

How do they escape from Mr. Lee? (Go across the highway – due to a tractor trailer holding up traffic and VW’s lined up like turtles?)

Where do K & A go to eat? (A Chinese restaurant)

How much does it cost and what do they order? (\$5 with tip – soup/ rice spring roll)

What makes the magic happen for Archie to get back to Korea? (metal and earth)

Why? (the elements needed)

Why does Archie think Kevin is intelligent and ordinary? (He figures out how to help Archie.)

What does Archie give Kevin as a memento? (The broken bow)

What does Kevin do with them? (museum)

What does Kevin try to give Archie – but Archie won’t except? (Am. Chopsticks)

What does Kevin’s mom think happened to break his window? (Playing ball)

What does Kevin ask his dad if he can have lessons for? (Archery)

What do his grandparents bring for his belated birthday gift? (A bow and arrow and his father’s old one for his Dad to teach him with.)

What prize did his Dad win when he was Kevin’s age? (Jr. Champion of Archery)

