

Spirited Away Study Questions

Use this PDF to copy the questions, paste them in a MS Word document and then answer them with detail, careful reflection on what was obvious, but also address deeper connections; relationships of the individuals to each other, character traits and values that reflected decisions they made, and how those decisions affected them and those relationships. Be sure answers are in complete sentences. Be sure to answer any follow up questions. Final copy must be saved in student files 1.4j.lane.edu accounts, and posted on their ePortfolio blogs in the appropriate class pages.

1. Q: Describe Chihiro's reaction to her parent's "feasting" at the beginning of the film.
A: She was afraid her parents would get into trouble, so she wouldn't go into where the food was.
2. Q: What was her first major challenge?
A: Her first major challenge was being alone because her parents turned into pigs and she was turning invisible.
3. Q: How did Chihiro handle her meeting with Yubaba when she went to ask her for a job?
A: She was strong willed about getting a job and didn't give into Yubaba's unwillingness, even though she was scared.
4. Q: How did she manage her duties in the bathhouse? Give at least 2 specific examples of what she had to do and what happened to her. Be sure to note any self-realization/new found awareness she may have had?
A: She was demanding to the spa man and got the token for the herbal bath, so the lady helping her was proud. She was given the large responsibility of the stink spirit and pulled all the junk out of him. Everyone was so proud of her because the spirit left tons of gold. I think this made her realize how strong she actually was and that she could do more than she gave herself credit for if she actually tried.
5. Q: Describe Chihiro's connection with Haku – what made it so special?
A: They're in love.
6. Q: How did Chihiro's personal growth help her relationship with Kamaji (the Boiler Man). What did he do for her?
A: It helped her become strong and confident and he gave her train tickets so she could go see Zeniba (yubaba's twin sister) and so she could save haku.

7. Q: Why was Chihiro able to confront and deal with the No Face spirit?

A: She wasn't afraid of him because she knew she had a special fruit and could break the spell.

8. Q: Why wasn't Chihiro afraid of Yubaba's challenge to identify her parents at the end of the film?

A: She knew that she would be okay and get it right because she had a feeling within her heart her parents were and none of the pigs Yubaba put in front of her.

9. Q: Name at least 3 leadership skills Chihiro developed and/or recognized in herself over the course of the film. Be specific and give evidence in DETAILED answers.

A: She found that she is thoughtful/caring, loyal and strong willed. She was caring about saving Haku when he was dying, even when she knew she didn't love him and she picked the rock off of the crushed spider at the beginning of the film. She was loyal to her parents by standing by haku and her parents even when they weren't with her. She was strong willed when she demanded that Yubaba gave her parents back and when the spa owner wouldn't give her the token for an herbal bath.

10. Q: What 2 things did you like most about the film? Again, be specific and give detail.

A: I liked how the characters were so animated and projected real feelings. I also liked all the details like how the character's faces changed when their emotions changed and how the script felt so natural even though it was originally Japanese.