



Høgskolen i Telemark

MIDT-EKSAMEN

**American Topics
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For David E. Isaksen**

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Hjelpemiddel: Engelsk-Engelsk ordbok

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Vedlegg: 2

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Avdeling for allmennvitenskaplige fag.



Answer only **ONE** of the following three questions:

1. Discuss the function and the importance of religion in Leslie Silko's short story "The Man to Send Rain Clouds."
2. What are some of the characteristics of an American immigrant novel and discuss how Amy Tan's novel *The Joy Luck Club* may be read as such a novel? (For your help: see attached sheet of names).
3. Outline and explain some of the central themes in Cathy Song's poem "Lost Sister" and give an interpretation of the poem. (For your help: see attached first part of the poem).

1

In China,
 even the peasants
 named their first daughters
 Jade—
 the stone that in the far fields
 could moisten the dry season,
 could make men move mountains
 for the healing green of the inner hills
 glistening like slices of winter melon.

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THE JOY LUCK CLUB

THE MOTHERS

Sayuan Woo
 An-mei Hsu
 Lindo Jong
 Ying-ying St. Clair

THE DAUGHTERS

Jing-mei "June" Woo
 Rose Hsu Jordan
 Waverly Jong
 Lena St. Clair

And the daughters were grateful:
 they never left home.
 To move freely was a luxury
 stolen from them at birth.
 Instead, they gathered patience,
 learning to walk in shoes
 the size of teacups,
 without breaking—
 the arc of their movements
 as dormant as the rooted willow,
 as redundant as the farmyard hens.
 But they traveled far
 in surviving,
 learning to stretch the family rice,
 to quiet the demons,
 the noisy stomachs.

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2

There is a sister
 across the ocean,
 who relinquished her name,
 diluting jade green
 with the blue of the Pacific.
 Rising with a tide of locusts,
 she swarmed with others
 to inundate another shore.
 In America,
 there are many roads
 and women can stride along with men.

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But in another wilderness,
 the possibilities,
 the loneliness,
 can strangulate like jungle vines.
 The meager provisions and sentiments
 of once belonging—

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