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**Superstitions, Myths, and Legends**

**First They Killed My Father Group Discussion Questions**

Directions: At your tables, discuss the following questions thoroughly and answer all of the questions in complete sentences (you’ll notice I gave you plenty of space to respond so use it!). If you are still reading these directions, draw a picture of a noodle bowl on the top of this paper. I love it when you read all of the directions.

1. Brainstorm a list of all of the Cambodian superstitions, myths, and legends that you’ve learned about so far. Be as thorough as possible. Write down what we discussed on our first discussion day and what you’ve read since that time. Bullet point your list below.

Superstitions Myths Legends

1. Pick one of the superstitions, myths, or legends. Name it and explain its purpose.
2. How are these myths and superstitions helping Loung? How are they hurting her?
3. Discuss whether or not you generally believe that superstitions are helpful or hurtful overall. Make your argument below. Give an example and explain your example.
4. Brainstorm a list of superstitions that some people believe in that we have as a society or people in your families have, or you yourself have. These can be rituals you perform or things that you do and don’t do for one reason or another. Write your entire list below. Write down at least 10 superstitions you have. Put your names next to each. Make sure everybody has at least one they share about themselves. An example would be that it is bad luck to step on a grave.
5. Brainstorm a list of myths or legends that we believe in. An example would be the legend of the skinwalkers.
6. Brainstorm a list of good and bad omens that we believe in. An omen is something you believe in when you SEE something or see something happen. An example would be that if you see a rainbow, there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.
7. How is First They Killed My Father going so far? What do you like and not like about the story?