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Setting in Amy Tan's "A Pair of Tickets"

Amy Tan's "A Pair of Tickets" is a literary work that offers a clear understanding of family ties, identity, and Chinese heritage through the setting of the story and thus it expresses the story theme of the story in different ways. First, the setting itself makes the readers understand the narrator's feeling of being at home although in a mysterious land. The narrator appears to be confused about their identity. Through the setting, we get to understand how the narrator identified themselves as <sup>2</sup>Chinese. "But today I realize I have never been known what it means to be a Chinese" (Tan). The narrator goes to China physically and this reflects her internal change because she has begun to accept the fact that she belongs to Chinese heritage.

Second, the author uses the setting of the story by noting going to Guangzhou by Jing-Mei. This was a plan to meet her father, and move to meet her sister in Shanghai. The relevance of settings regarding the main idea in the story is that it helps reveal the narrator's identity. Lastly setting shows how the narrator put her focus on identifying herself with Chinese heritage. The author uses setting to explain how the narrator learns progressively on what it means to be Chinese and for this reason, she starts to perceive her father differently (Tan).

Work cited

Tan, Amy. "A Pair of Tickets." *New Worlds of Literature: Writings from America's Many Cultures* (1952).

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