“Four Directions” -Waverly Jong

Discussion Questions

1. Who is Waverly’s mother? What was her background? Refer to a previous vignette.
2. How would you describe her mother? Respond specifically to her response to a haircut and a restaurant.
3. Why is Waverly so nervous?
4. What does Waverly hope to accomplish by bringing her mother to her apartment? How does she react?
5. Why is she so frustrated with her mother? Is her mother being fair?
6. How did Waverly’s trick to getting Rich invited over for dinner work?
7. Name at least two mistakes that Rich made at dinner.
8. What was her mother’s reaction to Waverly quitting chess?
9. Describe Waverly’s previous marriage. How did she feel when she got pregnant with Shoshanna?
10. What do you think Waverly’s mother really wants in regards to her relationship with her daughter?