

WORKSHEETS

Directions

Read the following oral history excerpts with a group or independently and look for information that helps you respond to the questions.

Consider

When you listen to someone describe something, how do they position themselves in the narrative?

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EXCERPT FROM
BINGYU JIANG'S
ORAL HISTORY

Hailey Loman: Where did you grow up and what was this place like?

Bingyu Jiang: There were multiple houses. We were always gradually moving to different places. My grandfather passed away when I was four. He was a veteran from the Korean War. He was situated in the center of Wuxi, a city in southern Jiangsu province, China. His house housed the whole family. It was built in all these sections. And they rented almost half the house to internal immigrants who come to work in the city. They don't work for my grandfather but find jobs in the city. There is this whole back section that is rented to them. And they spoke a totally different dialect. And had a different status. They grew corn in the courtyard. I enjoyed playing with the corn. That is my memory of my first house. There was this huge tree. Probably five stories long. But it is completely torn down now. There was a development scheme where they had to expand the road. They had to flatten the whole space. My uncle ended up selling it for a ton of money. He was compensated by the state, so he got several flats. Partially cash and partially compensated with more housing.

The tree was like this [EXTENDS HANDS FULLY AND IMITATES WIDTH].

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How does Bingyu describe his home?

Are there parts of Bingyu's story that you find relatable?

Are there parts of the story that you feel like you don't have the entire picture of?

How might Bingyu weave in and prove **facts** in his story?

How does Bingyu demonstrate credibility in his story?