

History/Bible/Literature A (5-Day): A Grain of Rice—Updated Schedule

Please note that we have begun to use a new edition of *A Grain of Rice*, that is found within your HBL A Instructor's Guide. We apologize for any confusion or frustration this may have caused. Please use the updated schedule and notes below.

Week 11

Date:	Day 51	Day 52	Day 53	Day 54	Day 55
A Grain of Rice	pp. 1–19 🌐	pp. 21–36	pp. 39–53	pp. 54–68	

Day 51 pp. 1–19

Cultural Literacy

pickled egg: hard-boiled egg preserved in a solution of vinegar and spices.

To Discuss After You Read

Since the Emperor of China opened his court only once a year, anyone with a petition had to be ready.

- Q: Why would the emperor be angry when a peasant wanted to marry his daughter?
 A: *in most kingdoms, the children of the king can only marry other nobility*
- Q: Why did Pong Lo think he was qualified to marry the princess?
 A: *because his head was wise, quick, and clever*
- Q: Why did the princess like Pong Lo?
 A: *he was brave, handsome, clever, and pleasant*

Timeline and Map Points

🌐 China (C10) (map 1)

Day 52 pp. 21–36

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: How did the Emperor plan to get a husband for the princess?
 A: *all the nobles from China were invited to the palace and the Emperor would choose which one is for the princess*
- Q: Why does the Emperor think he cannot allow the princess to marry Pong Lo?
 A: *because he is convinced he cannot let her marry a poor peasant*

- Q: What does Pong Lo ask for instead of the princess' hand in marriage?
 A: *a single grain of rice on one day, two grains the second day, and double the previous day's amount each day for 98 more days—a hundred days total*

Day 53 pp. 39–53

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: Describe one of the containers the Emperor used to give Pong Lo his rice.

Day 54 pp. 54–68

To Discuss After You Read

- Q: Of the list of things made with rice: rice paper, rice cakes, rice wine, rice noodles, and rice syrup, what surprised you the most?
 Q: Describe how Pong Lo proved his worth by means of his work in the palace.

There is an interesting section after the main story that goes into detail about exponential increase. We do not schedule this section as a required reading, however, you can read it to help enforce learning. ■

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