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1. How might the following scenes contribute to the theme of SHEN TAU?
   - A group of monks gathered around a fire, chanting in a circle.
   - A solitary figure sitting on a rock by the sea, deep in thought.
   - A bustling marketplace filled with people and noise.

2. Using the SHEN TAU story, research a TCM concept.
   - Discuss the concept of Qi and its role in Chinese medicine.
   - Explore the relationship between Qi and emotions.

3. What does the Chinese phrase “Wu De” mean?
   - Analyze the meaning and its significance in Chinese culture.

4. The traditional Chinese term “Yin Yang” describes the balance of opposites.
   - How does this concept apply in modern life?
   - Provide an example from your daily routine.

5. In what ways do the characters face challenges and progress?
   - Provide specific examples from the story.

6. Discuss the role of music in the story and its cultural significance.
   - Identify any specific pieces of music and their meanings.

7. Describe the main characters' personalities and their interactions.
   - Focus on how their personalities shape their actions and decisions.

8. What type of conflicts does the story contain?
   - Analyze the conflicts and their resolution.

9. Discuss the impact of the story on your understanding of Chinese culture.
   - Provide specific examples from the story.

10. What role does the story play in your personal growth?
    - Reflect on how the story has influenced your understanding of life.

11. Reflect on the importance of cultural immersion.
    - Explain how the story has enhanced your cultural awareness.

12. What insights does the story offer into human nature?
    - Discuss the themes and how they relate to broader human experiences.