**“The Jade Peony” by Wayson Choy Paragraph Questions**

**Write a paragraph response based on the topic below. Choose one theme to write about and support your answer with evidence from the text.**

**Big Ideas and Key Understandings:**

* The depth of love between family members must be cherished.
* Different cultures have specific traditions and beliefs about life and death.
* Respecting cultural traditions in a new time and place can be difficult.
* Accepting the death of a loved one may contribute to a person’s strength.

**Question:** “The Jade Peony” touches on multiple themes. Choose one theme that you believe is most central to the text and the author’s message. In a paragraph response, consider and discuss how the author presented and developed the theme over the course of the text through the characters, setting, and plot. Your response should include a clear focus (i.e. theme you will be addressing and how the author introduced/developed it) and use specific examples from the text that explain and further your reader’s understanding of the topic.