SYNOPSIS OF STORY: The King’s daughter, Kung Shi Fair, falls in love with Chang the Good, a local villager. The King does not want to lose his daughter and makes excuses to put off the wedding. The two lovers protest and fight to overcome the resistance from the King. The resulting tragedy makes the King realize his mistake, and he creates a work of art to remember his daughter. This Chinese legend is about Blue Willow plates.

THEME: Chinese legend

ACTIVITY ONE:
Origin: Original of my own
Objective:
- After being shown how to write Chinese symbols, students will recreate the symbols themselves.

Learn Chinese symbols! Using internet or book resources, or by having someone who is able to write Chinese come to the class, teach the class symbols that the Chinese people use. If possible teach students how to write their names, or how to write common words.

ACTIVITY TWO:
Origin: Original of my own
Objectives:
- After reading Blue Willow, students will create their own Blue Willow plate of their life events.

Use plain white plates and have students create their own Blue Willow plate to represent events of their own lives. Use blue paint to create the artwork. Other alternatives: Construction paper or paper plates can be used, rather than real plates. Also, students can create a plate to represent events from the book like the King did.