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**“Dia's Story Cloth: The Hmong Peoples Journey of Freedom”**

**by Dia Cha**

**Thoughts before and after reading it.-**

Before reading the short story by Dia Cha I found that most of the Hmong writers write about their history events (). I thought the short story she wrote will be boring. Personally, I like to know about other people’s history to knowledge myself about the events that happened in other places but reading a history book is not exacting for me.

After reading the short story I was fascinated and exciting to know more about Hmong culture and their history. The story Dia Cha wrote, narrates how Hmong people got separated from each other and why they came to the United States for a better future seeking freedom. In *Dia's Story Cloth: The Hmong Peoples Journey of Freedom* she literally narrates her life as a Hmong person telling how big was the change in her life with occurred events. Dia Cha’s book says that she used cloth to describe the story because is the most important thing that can tell who a Hmong is. Also, Dia Cha uses the setting and describes it perfectly, so whoever reads her book can picture the short story.

**Q's with attempt answers**:

1. How does Dia Cha feels about not knowing if her father still alive?

R: I think she realized that she is not the only person who lost loved ones and she continues with her life with the memories she has about the ones she lost in the Vietnam War.

1. Where is her family now?

R: Dia Cha’s assures that her mother, two sisters and three brothers immigrated with her here, in the United States (Hillmer).

1. Why did she choose to make this book for elementary children?

R: I think she want children to know about other cultures and also to entertain them with Hmong people history.

1. Does the book also describe others Hmong people's life?

R: Personally, I think that in some way Dia Cha is narrating a similar situation others Hmong went through.

**Literary Terms**

Narrative n. A book, literary work, etc., containing such a story.

Setting n. The surrounding or environment of anything.

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