

## **The Grudge**

"It is said in Japan, that when a person dies in extreme sorrow or rage the emotion remains, becoming a stain upon that place."

1. How is a curse born and where does it gather?
2. What color was dominant in the theme of the film and what does it represent?
3. What was the purpose of the incense during the Buddhist ritual in the cemetery?
4. Name at least 3 things that are culturally different in the film representing Japanese culture from American culture.
5. What part, if any do you feel rage played in the behavior that led to your incarceration and what are you doing to work on controlling the rage within you?

## **The Grudge Answer Sheet**

1. When someone dies in the grip of a powerful rage. The curse gathers in that place of death.
2. Red- Rage, Anger, Love, War
3. To carry their prayers to the spirits of their ancestors.  
<http://museumsnett.no/icme/icme2004/papuga.html>
4. Bamboo poles for clothes lines, Mattress on the floor, Shoes are taken off at the door, Most of their doors slide open, Their basic food staples
5. Group discussion question and meant to have them think about how rage has played a role in their life.

I am including a couple of links you may find interesting to share with your group.

[http://www.harapan.co.jp/english/kwaidan/konjaku\\_demonicgift.htm](http://www.harapan.co.jp/english/kwaidan/konjaku_demonicgift.htm)

<http://www.city.obihiro.hokkaido.jp/hp/data/page000005200/hpg000005113.htm>