Rules of the Game Reading Questions

When you read the story, pay special attention to two things: how is the girl's attitude to her mother changes, and how Chinese immigrants perceive themselves.

1. In the story, where did the girl live?

2. What does the mother mean when she says that Chinese people "do torture. Best torture" (page 21)?

3. What does the mother say about "American rules" (page 24)? Explain it in your own words.

4. Does the girl's mother want her to play in the local chess tournament?

5. What is the girl's reaction when her mother says "Next time win more, lose less" (page 27)? Do you think that she is playing chess for her mother, for herself or both?