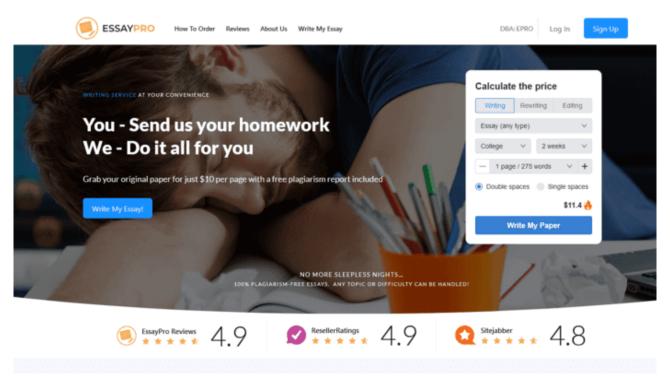
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Lindo Jong, and Ying-ying St. Clair, came to America so that their daughters could have better lives and everything that they didn't have. Because the daughters in The Joy Luck Club were born in America, they wanted to be more Americanized than to recognize their true Chinese culture. In particular, Waverly Jong was less successful than her mother, Lindo, in finding her true identity. Lindo honors family and self. Waverly has a hard time finding her true identity. She builds a wall between her and her mother and tries to be he...

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... when she "let's her mother in". Waverly lets her mother in when they are at the salon. Lindo tells her daughter about her childhood and how she ended up in America. She tells Waverly that she named her after the street they lived on so that when she grew up and left, that she would take a piece of her with her. Waverly finally understands her mother. "Her mother has been waiting for Waverly to let her in, to accept her Chinese heritage so that she can accept Waverly's Chinese-American future (49)."

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