Read the Chinese story and answer the following questions.

Fanning the Pillow and Warming the Quilt

1. This story is one of the 24 tales of filial piety in ancient China.

2. In the Eastern Han Dynasty*, there was a boy named Huang Xiang. His family was very poor. When he was at the age of nine, his mother passed away due to illness. He was brought up by his father, who worked very hard from day to night to earn a living. "My mother taught me to be a good boy. She was one of the kindest persons in the world, and I will always miss her. I will try my best to take care of my father," Huang Xiang said to himself.

3. In order to give his father more time to rest, Huang Xiang always did most of the housework though he was only a young kid. In summer, the weather was very hot. Huang Xiang was afraid that his father would be too hot to sleep and bitten by mosquitoes, so he used a fan to cool his father's pillow and bed and drive away the mosquitoes. When it was cold in winter, Huang Xiang crawled into his father's bed and used his body to warm the quilt and the mattress before letting him sleep. His actions brought tears to his father's eyes. "My dear son, you are so caring! I am so lucky to have you as my son!" said Huang Xiang's father. The story about Huang Xiang's behaviour soon spread throughout the village, and the villagers praised him as the role model.

4. Huang Xiang understood that he had to provide his father with a better living condition, so he studied very hard. When he grew up, he became an important official and excelled in both military and administrative affairs. When he was serving as an official of the State of Wei, he gave his savings to help his people in a severe flood. "How kind Huang Xiang is to give his own savings to help his people!" the people exclaimed. Huang Xiang was loved by his people and they praised him as the greatest official.



*The Eastern Han Dynasty refers to a dynasty in ancient Chinese history that ruled from 25 AD to 220 AD.