

Anne Leonowens

These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the Anne Leonowens biography.

1. List some of the differences between a historical interpretation of the relationship between Anne and the King, and the interpretation presented of the relationship in the Jodie Foster film? Why might the film differ from the historical interpretation?
2. Why does Jodie Foster argue for giving the fictional Anna more freedoms?
3. Who would have been the audience for Anna's book? Why may her book have been popular?
4. What did Anna do at age 66? What was her assignment? What was remarkable about it?
5. How do the Thai people react to the story of Anna and the King? Why might this view be taken?
6. What was Rama IV before he became king?
7. What discrepancies exist between Anna's version of her life and the 1979 film version of her life?
8. Why might Anna's mother have had to remarry so quickly?
9. Describe what life was like for women in the barracks.
10. What is an orientalist?
11. Who was Reverend Badger? What impact did he have on Anna's life?
12. What legacy did Anna leave behind in Nova Scotia? What was her goal?