

**Snapshot Response to
“Happy Birthday, Mr. Kang”
by Susan L. Roth**

1. What caused Mr. Kang to change his mind about his *hua mei* and set it free?

Sam convinced Mr. Kang that, like him, the bird is not free to live its life the way it chooses.

2. Why do you think Mr. Kang and his friends met in the park with their birds?

The men wanted to see their good friends, and taking their *hua meis* with them was a tradition from China that they liked to continue.

3. Write Mr. Kang a note to wish him a happy birthday. Use boldface words from the Selection Snapshot to get you started.

Responses will vary but should show an understanding of the boldface words and of the story, including Mr. Kang’s wishes and interests.