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1. Which teaching or parable did you like the best and why? Explain your answer.
2. According to Muso Soseki, what will happen to a person who cares only about possessions and status?
3. Why did Tetsugen take 20 years to publish the sutras?
4. Why did Bankei’s pupils become angry and draw a petition?
5. According to Muso Soseki, a good deed cannot be spoiled by the selfish intentions of the doer. Do you agree? Explain your answer.
6. Why might the state of mind of a hypocritical Buddhist scholar be considered “contaminated”?
7. What does the parable “Publishing the Sutras” suggest about what is important about Zen followers?

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1. Why do you think Bankei’s decision has such a powerful effect on the thief?
2. How would you summarize the main ideas of Zen teaching?
3. What do both the Tao and Zen philosophies teach about worldly possessions? Which philosophy do you think would be more difficult to follow? Explain your answer.
4. Think of a time when someone showed patience. What did you learn? How did you feel toward your teacher? Do you think patience is a necessary characteristic of a teacher?