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Mother Tongue Precis

In her personal essay “Mother Tongue” (1990), Amy Tan an American author known for the novel *The Joy Luck Club*, which was adapted into a film of the same name, as well as other novels, short story collections, and children's books. She asserts that we should not stigmatize people's use of language by addressing the problems she faced as the daughter of a non English speaker, and the way it made her think about her mothers intelligence when she was younger. By supplying the reader with information about her experiences as a student and a daughter, Tan builds her claims about how our proficiency doesn't determine our intelligence. Amy wishes to convey to her readers the importance of how we use the English language in our lives. In order to inform people that just because someone doesn't talk like you doesn't make them any less of a person. The author's audience likely consists of those interested in understanding the abstract use of English in society as is evident through her references to her personal feelings towards English in her household and her belief that language doesn't determine intelligence level; she addresses the readers with a tone that is informative and personal.