

### Movie Summary

<p><i>Memoirs of a Geisha</i> is a 2005 film adaptation of the novel of the same name.</p>
<p>It was released in the United States on December 9, 2005.</p>
<p>It stars Zhang Ziyi, Ken Watanabe, Gong Li, Michelle Yeoh, Youki Kudoh, and Suzuka Ohgo.</p>
<p>Ohgo plays the younger Sayuri in the movie,</p>
<p>which was filmed in southern and northern California and in several locations in Kyoto,</p>
<p>including the Kiyomizu temple and the Fushimi Inari shrine.</p>
<p>Memoirs of a Geisha tells the story of a young girl, Chiyo Sakamoto, who is sold into slavery by her family.</p>
<p>Her new family then sends her off to school to become a geisha.</p>
<p>This movie is mainly about older Chiyo and her struggle as a geisha to find love, in the process making a lot of enemies.</p>
<p>The Japanese release of the film was titled "Sayuri", based on the main character who was renamed as Sayuri in the movie.</p>

**Cloze Activity**

Fill in the gaps; then watch the movie scene to check your answers.

**The General:** Friends, we \_\_\_\_\_ the pleasure to witness the debut of a new *maiko*, *kanpai*!

**The Baron:** I \_\_\_\_\_ those eyes. What was her name?

**Sayuri:** Sayuri.

**The Baron:** \_\_\_\_\_, isn't she? If there had been a drop of tea in that pot, I \_\_\_\_\_ Sayuri would have \_\_\_\_\_ it out!

**Mameha:** Now don't \_\_\_\_\_ Baron. It is her very first time.

*Dancing scene*

**Hatsumomo:** What a \_\_\_\_\_ dance, yes Pumpkin? Her fans are so \_\_\_\_\_, that you may not even \_\_\_\_\_ her feet! What's her name?

**Mameha:** Her name is Sayuri.

**Hatsumomo:** Sayuri! A name as \_\_\_\_\_ as she is. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ that these days even a \_\_\_\_\_ chambermaid can \_\_\_\_\_ herself a Geisha. So it's nice to see such a \_\_\_\_\_ young *maiko*, isn't it?

**The General:** Why yes!

**Mameha:** Surely you would like to \_\_\_\_\_ Hatsumomo for her \_\_\_\_\_ compliment.

**Sayuri:** There is so much I'd like to \_\_\_\_\_ to Hatsumomo.

**Hatsumomo:** Sometimes the \_\_\_\_\_ remark is silence.

**Sayuri:** What \_\_\_\_\_ advice to \_\_\_\_\_ you than your own?

**Mameha:** Sayuri!

**Hatsumomo:** I was a *maiko* myself once.

**Sayuri:** Of course! But it's been such a very long, long ... long, long time.

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