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| **Similarities** | | **Differences** | |
| **Similarity** | **Cultural Aspect** | **Difference** | **Cultural Aspect** |
| **Matchmaker**  Mulan failed her test which brought dishonour the family | Arranged marriages  Traditional gender roles  Honour | **Ancestral guardian**  In the live action it was a phoenix (serious) and in the cartoon it was a dragon (funny). | Humour  Revering ancestors |
| **Mulan stood out**  Mulan stood out from the other soldiers in some way. In the live action version she had amazing chi. In the cartoon she used her wits/intelligence rather than strength to overcome challenges. | Communalism vs individualism (fitting in vs standing out)  Traditional gender roles | **Natural ability vs hard work**  In the live action she had exceptional chi from a child (although was told to hide it as a woman). In the cartoon she was no stronger than the other soldiers but improved skills through hard work. | Traditional gender roles  Work and study |
| **Takes her father’s place**  Steals his armour and sword and runs away in the middle of the night to take his place. Women could not be soldiers and the penalty was death. She was not killed when she was revealed, but brought shame/dishonour to her family. | Loyalty to family  Traditional gender roles Honour & shame | **Mulan’s discovery**  In the cartoon she was revealed to be a girl when she was injured. In the live action she made the decision to reveal who she was. In the cartoon she cut her hair, in the live action she didn’t (Chinese soldiers had long hair). | Traditional gender roles  Honour & virtues |
| **Conscription**  In both versions the father was conscripted to the army & signed up willingly despite being unable to fight. Willing to die rather than disgrace the family name by refusing. | Honour  Loyalty to country | **Romance**  In the cartoon she fell in love with the captain of the army. In the live action she fell in love with a fellow soldier. | Arranged marriages |
| **Mulan saved the army**  In both versions Mulan used a clever strategy to destroy the enemy by causing an avalanche | Communalism vs individualism (fitting in vs standing out) | **Songs, overall mood/tone**  The cartoon version had songs and the script had lots of jokes, the overall tone was quite light-hearted and fun. The live action version was more serious and did not have any singing. | Humour |