

Chapter 1

What event is Sadako excited to participate in and celebrate?

A: Sadako is excited to participate in the Memorial Day.

Who does Sadako remember with the dropping of the atom bomb, and what happened to the character Sadako remembers?

A. Sadako remembers her grandmother, Oba Chan, for being killed.

What is the “atom bomb disease,” and what caused the disease?

A. The disease is called leukemia, and it was caused by radiation from the bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

What does Sadako see that makes her feel she will have good luck?

A. Sadako sees a spider that she believes will cause good luck.

Chapter 2

Who is Chizuko, and how long has Sadako known her?

A: Chizuko is Sadako’s best friend, and they have known each other since kindergarten.

What name is used to describe the atom bomb?

A: People call the atom bomb “The Thunderbolt.”

How did people enter the Peace Park?

A: The people entered the park in silence.

What did Sadako do when bomb victims came near her?

A: Sadako turned away when bomb victims came near her.

Chapter 3

What event is Sadako excited to participate in as a chosen member from the bamboo class?

A: Sadako is excited to participate in a relay race.

At the end of the race, what happens to Sadako?

A: Sadako feels strange and dizzy at the end of the relay race.

On New Year’s Eve, what does Sadako do in order to help with her secret?

A: Sadako tries to wish away her dizzy spells on New Year’s Eve.

What does Sadako’s mom promise to buy Sadako when her family can afford it?

A: Sadako’s mom promises to buy Sadako a kimono.

Chapter 4

When Sadako's father hears that Sadako had fallen-down at school, what does he do to respond to the situation?

A: Sadako's father brings Sadako to the Red Cross Hospital.

After completing tests at the hospital, what is Sadako diagnosed with?

A. Sadako is diagnosed with leukemia which is also known as "the atom bomb disease."

When finding-out about her diagnosis, how long does Mr. Sasaki say Sadako will stay in the hospital for testing?

A. Mr. Sasaki tells Sadako she will likely stay in the hospital for a few weeks.

Sadako's family leaves the hospital to allow Sadako to rest. What does Sadako do when her family leaves her?

A. When her family leaves, Sadako buries her head in her pillow and cries.

Chapter 5

When Chizuko visits Sadako in the hospital, she makes her a paper crane. What reason does Chizuko give for the cranes?

A. Chizuko believes, "If a sick person folds one thousand paper cranes, the gods will grant her wish and make her healthy again."

How long does Sadako believe it will take her to make a thousand paper cranes?

A. Sadako thinks she can make a thousand paper cranes in a few weeks.

What does Masahiro promise to do with all of Sadako's cranes?

A. Masahiro promises to hang all of Sadako's cranes from the ceiling for her.

When Sadako feels lonely in the hospital, what does she do to keep up her courage?

A. In order to keep-up her courage, Sadako folds more paper cranes.

Chapter 6

When Sadako felt weak, what could she often be found doing?

A. When she felt weak, Sadako could often be found sitting looking out the window with her golden crane in her lap.

Why does Sadako feel that Kenji can't have leukemia?

A. Because Kenji wasn't even born during the time of the atom bomb, Sadako struggles to believe that Kenji could have leukemia?

What does Sadako send to Kenji in his hospital room?

A. Sadako sends Kenji a big paper crane to his room.

What does Nurse Yasunaga tell Sadako when she is asked if Sadako will die next?

A. Nurse Yasunaga reassures Sadako that she will not die, and when she finishes her thousand paper cranes, she will live to be an old lady.

Chapter 7

What gift does the bamboo class send to Sadako to cheer her up?

A. The bamboo class sends Sadako a Kokeshi doll to cheer her up.

Why is Sadako unable to eat the expensive food her parents bring her to the hospital?

A. Sadako's gums are swollen so much that she is unable to chew the expensive food her parents bring her.

What gift does Eiji send, and what is the gift for?

A. Eiji sends Sadako a silver piece of paper for another crane.

Sadako laughs about the crumpled piece of paper. What is funny about the paper to Sadako?

A. Sadako thinks the paper smells like chocolate, and she laughs at the idea of the gods liking chocolate.

Chapter 8

As Sadako is feeling better, where does she get to go for a visit?

A. Sadako gets to go home for a visit as she is feeling better.

For what reason does Sadako's mother put a lantern outside?

A. Sadako's mother puts a lantern outside, so the spirits can find their way in the dark.

What does Sadako request to happen when she dies?

A. Sadako requests her favorite bean cakes be put on the altar for her spirit when she dies.

What special gift does Sadako's mother sew for her?

A. Sadako's mother sews her a kimono.

Chapter 9

What is Sadako too clumsy to do in her last days?

A. Sadako is too clumsy to be able to make paper cranes in her last days.

When Dr. Numata comes in and feels Sadako's forehead, what does he take out of her hands?

A. Dr. Numata takes paper out of Sadako's hands.

What makes Sadako feel stronger as she feels her life slipping away?

A. The cranes make Sadako feel stronger as her life slips away.

What do the cranes appear, or seem to be doing, as Sadako looks at them for the last time?

A. The cranes seem to be real to Sadako and free as they fly out the window.