

***Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, by Eleanor Coerr
Comprehension Questions – Multiple Choice**

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What is considered to be good luck in Japan?
 - a. kimonos
 - b. paper cranes
 - c. spiders
 - d. sushi

2. Who is Sadako's best friend?
 - a. Chizuko
 - b. Masahiro
 - c. Mitsue
 - d. Eiji

3. What color was Sadako's first crane?
 - a. green
 - b. pink
 - c. white
 - d. gold

4. Who comes to visit Kenji once a week?
 - a. his parents
 - b. his aunt
 - c. his friends
 - d. his grandmother

5. What did Sadako's class send her while she was in the hospital?
 - a. bean cakes
 - b. paper lanterns
 - c. a kimono
 - d. a Kokeshi doll

6. What team was Sadako on at school?
 - a. the swim team
 - b. the relay team
 - c. the debate team
 - d. the dance team

7. How many cranes did Sadako make before she died?
 - a. 1,000
 - b. 541
 - c. 463
 - d. 644

Name _____ Date _____

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Comprehension Questions – Short Answer**

Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. Why was Sadako so excited in the first chapter of the book?

2. What did Sadako and her family write on the paper lanterns they put into the river?

3. What was Sadako's secret?

4. How did Kenji get sick if he wasn't born when the bomb went off?

5. What are Sadako's favorite foods?

6. On what occasion did Sadako go home from the hospital?

Name _____ Date _____

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Vocabulary Review

Use the words below to complete the sentences.

lopsided	bundle	practiced	parasols	altar
throbbing	frightening	dizzy	mysteriously	borrowed

1. Sadako wondered if her grandmother's spirit was floating above the _____.
2. The walls were covered with _____ photographs.
3. Sadako _____ her running every day.
4. Sadako felt _____ after she finished the race.
5. Chizuko smiled _____.
6. Some of Sadako's cranes were _____.
7. Masahiro _____ some thread and tacks so he could hang Sadako's cranes.
8. The tiniest crane was green with pink _____ on it.
9. Sometimes Sadako had _____ headaches.
10. Mrs. Sasaki brought a surprise wrapped in a *furoshiki* _____.

Visualize the Story

Draw your favorite scene from the book in the panels below.

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Why is it your favorite scene? _____

Name _____ Date _____

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Answers

Multiple Choice:

1. c
2. a
3. d
4. b
5. d
6. b
7. d

Short answer

1. Sadako was excited because it was Peace Day.
2. Sadako and her family wrote the names of those relatives who had died when the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.
3. Sadako didn't tell her family that she got dizzy after running races.
4. Kenji was sick because the poison was already in his mother's body when he was born.
5. Sadako's favorite foods are: egg roll, chicken and rice, pickled plums, and bean cakes.
6. Sadako was able to go home to celebrate *O Bon*, a celebration for spirits of the dead who returned to visit those they have loved on earth.

Vocabulary Review

1. altar
2. frightening
3. practiced
4. dizzy
5. mysteriously
6. lopsided
7. borrowed
8. parasols
9. throbbing
10. bundle