

Name _____ hr _____
Year of Impossible Goodbyes - by Sook Nyul Choi

Possible Question Starters

- Why do you think _____ did _____?
- What would _____ have done if _____?
- How is _____ affected by _____?
- I wonder how _____ would change if _____?
- How does _____ connect with _____?

Chapter 1

1. how is grandpa affected
2. why can mother stand up to the Japanese

Chapter 2

1. would chopping down the tree hurt grandpa
2. will grandpa pp

Chapter 3

1. how did the tree affect grandpa's life
2. why does grandpa lose will to live

Chapter 4

1. how Sook's view of mother change
2. what is a spirit girl

Chapter 5

1. will they ever go to war with us
2. is the school a school or prison

Chapter 6

1. will life always be happy?
2. why do the kids work so much

Chapter 7

1. how did Sookan know her father
2. why is it so hard to escape

Chapter 8

1. why couldn't father come
2. will aunt tiger solve situation

Complete each () below
with an adjective defining the
character's personality.

Sookan (Young, Strong-willed)

- 10 year old Korean girl
- very small for her age
- lives at home with her mother, brother and aunt
- her father and other brothers have gone off to war
- older sister is a nun at a convent

Mother (loving, Brother)

- was once the beauty of her village
- lives at her home with Sookan, Incheon and Aunt Tiger
- her husband and three sons have gone off to war
- runs the sock factory

Incheon (Wise, shy)

- 7 year old Korean boy
- lives at home with his mother, sister and aunt
- like to draw in the dirt
- "shadows" his older sister around
- does not attend Japanese school

Grandfather (Weak, powerless)

- was once a great scholar
- has been abused by the Japanese for many years
- teaches Sookan about China and Korea

Aunt Tiger (longing, nostalgic)

- complains about work a lot
- her husband has gone off to the war
- nicknamed "Tiger" because of stories she likes to tell