

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

Grades 4-6

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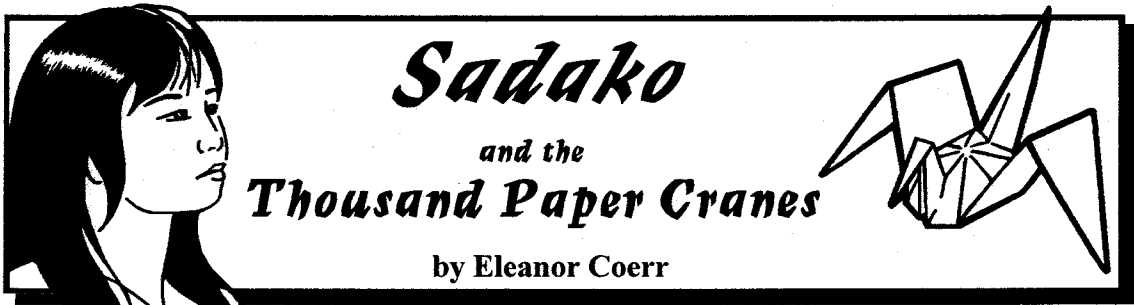
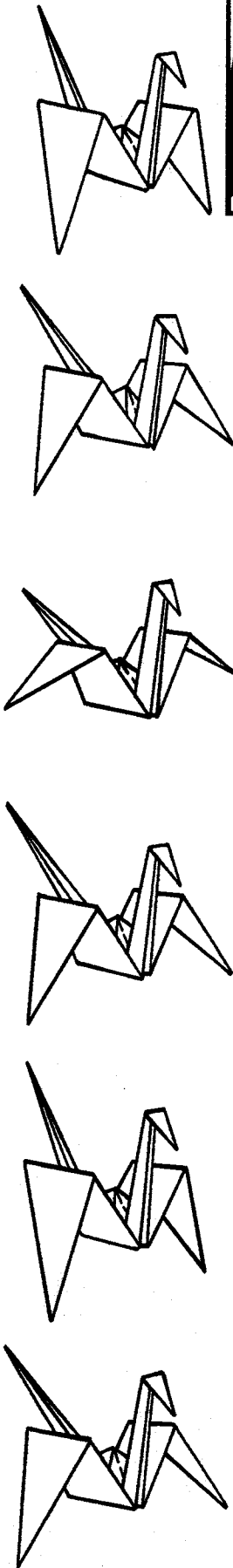


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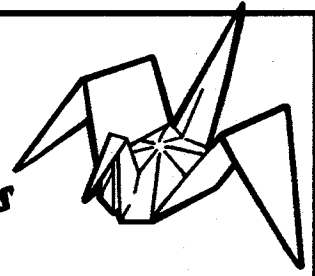
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Oral Discussion Questions

Prologue

- Discuss what a "Prologue" is.
- Who was Sadako? (*She was a Japanese girl who died as a result of a bomb being dropped on the city where she lived, Hiroshima.*)
- Will this story be real or made-up? (*real*)

Comprehension Questions

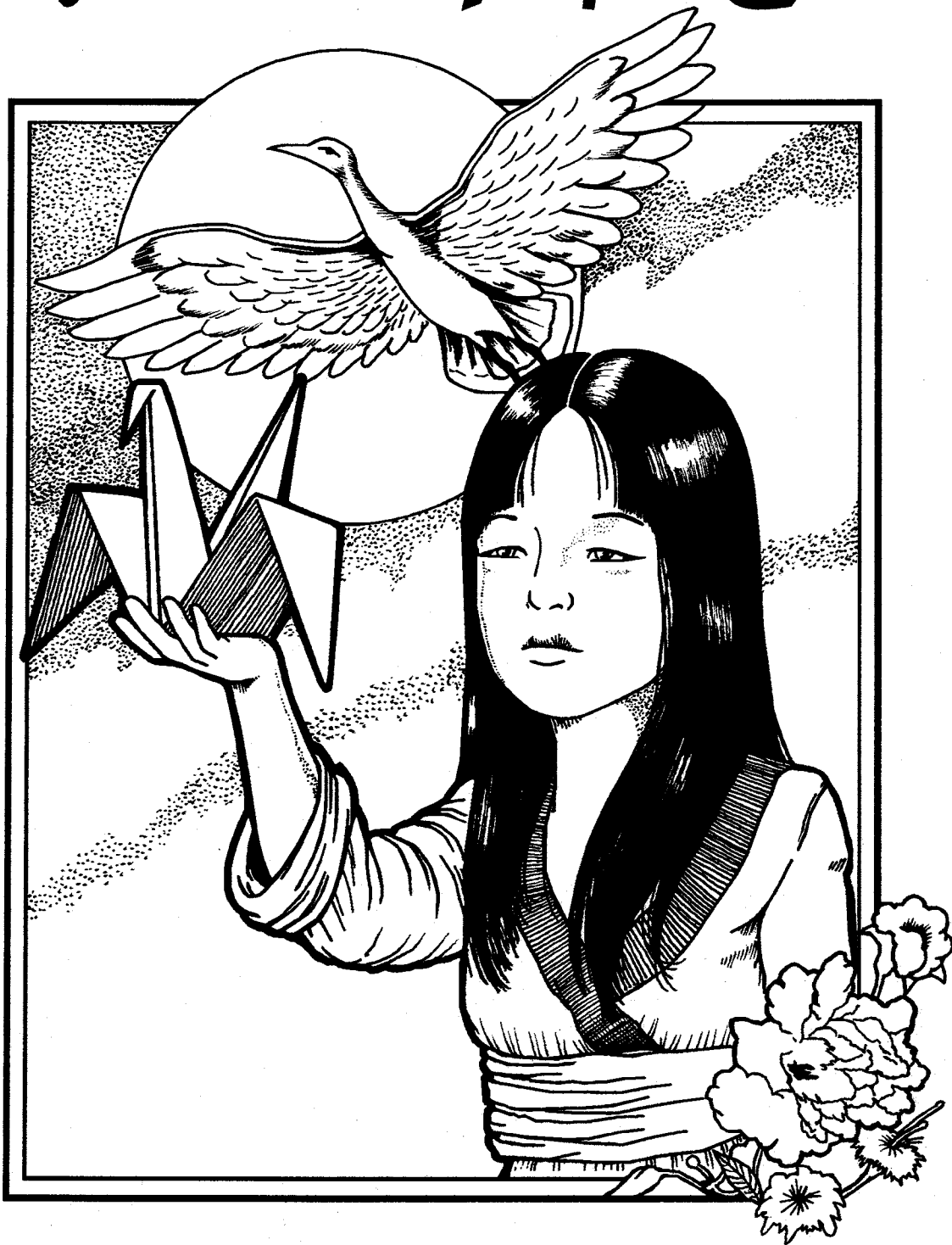
Chapter 1 - Good Luck Signs

- When and where does this story take place? (*1954, Japan*)
- What were **two** good signs that Sadako saw in this chapter? (*1 - There was not a speck of cloud in the blue sky.; 2 - a spider*)
- Name the children and their ages. (*Eiji - 6; Mitsue - 9; Sadako - 11; Masahiro - 14*)
- Why was Sadako excited? (*She was excited about the carnival/ Peace Day that was happening that day.*)
- What happened every August sixth? Why? (*It was a memorial day to remember those who were killed when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.*)

Chapter 2 - Peace Day

- Who is Chizuko? (*Sadako's best friend.*)
- What was "the Thunderbolt" and what did it do? (*It was the atom bomb that landed on Hiroshima, turning it into "a desert".*)
- What did Sadako think was the best part of the day? the worst part? (*Best - looking at all the things to buy and smelling the food; Worst - seeing people with scars from the bomb*)
- What were the lanterns for? (*They were a symbol that carried the names of the people who had died from the bomb (Thunderbolt). They were lit and located on the Ohta River.*)

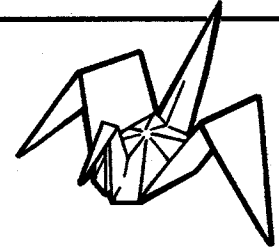
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Chapter 1 - Good Luck Signs

Word Study: Compound Words

A compound word is one large word that is made up of two smaller words.

Example: **fourteen = four + teen**

Match a word on the left with a word on the right to make a compound word that is found in Chapter 1.

Print the compound words on the numbered lines.

whirl

break

grand

some

in

fire

care

no

where

mother

works

fast

fully

thing

wind

side

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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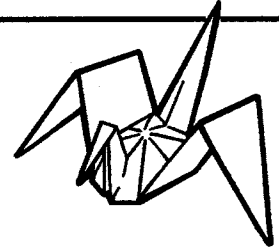
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Chapter 1 - Good Luck Signs

Comprehension: Making Predictions

After reading Chapter 1, what do you think will happen next?

Will the spider bring Sadako good luck on Peace Day?
