**Farewell to Manzanar**

**Study Questions**

***Write your answers on a separate piece of paper in complete sentences.***

**Chapters 1-5**

1. Why did Papa burn the flag from Hiroshima and papers after Pearl Harbor?
2. What was Papa accused of when taken into custody?
3. Why did Papa refer to himself as Skipper?
4. What happened at Pearl Harbor and what did it mean to the Japanese and Japanese Americans?
5. Why was Jeanne terrified of moving to Terminal Island?
6. Why did Mama throw her expensive china on the ground and break it?
7. What does Shikata Ga Nai mean? Explain its significance?
8. Why was Jeanne so excited to move to a different place other than Los Angeles county?
9. Why problems did Jeanne’s family face in their living quarters in Manzanar?
10. What task did Woody ask Ray and Kiyo to perform and why?
11. How was Woody’s promise to Mama fulfilled?
12. What did the War Department provide? Was it enough? Why/Why not?
13. Jeanne and the others have to get a series of vaccinations – what happens because of it?
14. What job does Woody take in the camp?
15. What kind of hat was Papa wearing when he stepped off the bus and what is its significance?
16. How did Jeanne react to seeing Papa? How did the rest of her family react?

**Chapters 6-8**

1. Describe Papa’s life before he became a fisherman in Los Angeles, what various careers has he tried? Where has he lived?
2. How would Jeanne describe her father?
3. What do Papa’s many jobs and experiences say about his personality and motivation?
4. Describe Jeanne’s life in Ocean Park.
5. Describe the episode in chapter 6 that tells us Papa loved having an audience.
6. Why did Papa leave the Japanese military?
7. Why was Papa held and for what reason was he detained?
8. Why does Papa think it is bad to have military leaders?
9. How does Pap describe the difficulty he has in siding with either America or Japan?
10. What does the term “Inu” mean and what is its significance?
11. What did Papa threaten to do?
12. What does Kiyo do at the end of chapter 8, and why?
13. Why did the women at the bathroom call Papa an Inu?
14. Why did Papa do for most of the day?

**Chapters 9-11**

1. Why was Fred Tayama badly beaten by six men and taken to the camp hospital for treatment?
2. Why didn’t the men who came from Ford Lincoln ever discuss the issues that occurred there?
3. Why did the riot about sugar and the chefs begin?
4. Why did pride matter so much to Papa?
5. What is Kaz’s job and why did the MPs invade the reservoir shack?
6. When the MPs came to invade the shack, why didn’t the reservoir crew stick up for themselves or fight back?
7. Describe the Loyalty Oath. Why did everyone 17yrs old and up have to fill this form out?
8. What did Woody do that defied his father’s wishes?
9. Why did Papa disagree with Woody?
10. If anyone answered “no no” on the Loyalty Oath, where might they be sent?
11. Why was there a meeting in the mess hall and why did Papa go to the meeting?

**Chapters 12-16**

1. What does Manzanar mean in Spanish and why is it an ironic name for the camp?
2. Why did Mama choose to move the family to Block 28 and what did Papa do to keep busy?
3. What was the compromise that Woody and Papa had after their argument over joining the army?
4. What was the one song that the Jive Bombers would not sing? Why?
5. What did Jeanne, Kiyo and all the other children finally have when they moved to Block 28?
6. Why did Jeanne never choose to attend another ballet class again?
7. Why didn’t Papa want Jeanne to be baptized?
8. Why did Jeanne say that “Her father was right,” in making the decision to not get baptized?
9. Why did Jeanne not want Woody to get drafted?
10. Why did Eleanor come back to Manzanar when she was pregnant?
11. Why did the family separate?
12. After Eleanor had her baby in Manzanar, where did she live?
13. What combat regiment did Woody join? What was it famous for?
14. How did Woody’s departure affect the family?
15. Why did the Japanese not want to leave the camp?
16. Why did Jeanne’s brothers and their wives move to the east coast instead of staying in California?
17. Why did Jeanne’s faith in God and the Catholic Church slip?

**Chapters 17-19**

1. Why were so many Japanese homeless after they were let out of the internment camps?
2. What did many Japanese-Americans compare the internments camps to?
3. What was Papa’s plan to help the Japanese who were leaving the internment camps?
4. How did the bombing of Hiroshima affect Jeanne’s family and other Japanese-Americans?
5. Who is Toyo and what is his/her significance to the family?
6. How does the family in Japan feel about Papa?
7. What was the gift that Woody brought to the family in Japan and why did he bring it?
8. How does the family in Japan treat Woody and why?
9. When does Woody realize that he has a very strong resemblance to his father and what effect does this have on Woody?
10. What does Jeanne’s family do after they leave Manzanar?
11. When Jeanne’s family arrived in Los Angeles, what did they expect to find? What did they really find?
12. Who helped the family find a nice place to live and why was it considered a ‘nice place’?
13. The American Friends Society helps Mama get a job. What was Mama’s job and why was it important to her to work?

**Chapters 20-22**

1. “This girl’s guileless remark came as an illumination, an instant knowledge that brought with it the first buds of true shame.” Discuss this quote – what ‘remark’ is Jeanne referring to? What does it make her realize?
2. Why does Jeanne yearn to be invisible?
3. “You cannot deport 110,000 people unless you have stopped seeing individuals.” Explain this quote.
4. Why does Jeanne’s rejection from the Girl Scouts bring her and Radine closer together?
5. Why did Jeanne lose respect for Papa?
6. How does Papa embarrass Jeanne at the PTA Awards Dinner? In your opinion, does she have the right to be embarrassed?
7. “In many ways we had started out even.” Explain the ways in which Jeanne and Radine are similar.
8. What causes Papa to finally give up alcohol for good?
9. What causes Jeanne and Radine to stop being best friends once they enter high school?
10. What does Jeanne wear to the Carnival Queen competition? Why is Papa furious that Jeanne won?
11. Discuss the coronation ceremony, what does Jeanne wear? What effect does the dress have on her?
12. “…it gradually filled me with shame for being a person guilty of something enormous enough to deserve that kind of treatment.” Discuss this quote.
13. “…it was not the pain of memory. It was simply her validation that all those things had taken place.” Explain this quote and what validation of a memory really means.
14. The inscription on the flagpole reads “BUILT BY WADA AND CREW, JUNE 10, 1942 A.D.” Why is the “A.D.” significant?
15. Why did Papa buy a car leave Manzanar instead of taking the bus? What does Jeanne mean by “It was the day Papa suddenly came back to life.”?