

## **READER RESPONSE QUESTIONS + VOCABULARY**

### **Chapters 1-2**

murky (1), contemplate (2), sanctuary (3), frantically (9)

charred (11), haughty (13), clamoring (18)

1. What happened to father? Why?
2. Why does mother offer the police tea and cake?

### **Chapters 3-4**

ominously (19), Nisei (20), stunned (23), sabotage (25)

rucksack (34), smuggle (36), evacuation (36), vulture (39)

1. What happens to Yuki's father?
2. How does Mother prepare for the evacuation?

### **Chapters 5-6**

conscientious (41), suitable (42), deprived (43), encircled (46)

contraband (49), cluster (50), barrack (51), savoring (56)

1. Why do you think Yuki, "felt numb and strange, as though she were inside someone else's body?"
2. Give details that describe their new apartment.

### **Chapters 7-8**

partition (59), bean curd (62), grandstand (64)

tinted (69), anxious (71), Issei (71)

1. What do you know about Yuki's new friend?
2. What do you think Ken should do? Why?

### **Chapters 9-10**

recruited (76), reluctant (76), affidavits (77), thrusting (82)

scrunched (83), harsh (86), bulging (87), murmur (88)

1. What is Ken's decision? What is his reason?
2. What do you think is bothering Ken? Ken?

### **Chapters 11-12**

engulf (96), sprawling (96), dazzling (100)

bewildered (104), forlorn (104), barren (104), nourishing (109)

1. What happened to Emi?
2. Select three phrases that you think best describe the dust storm.

### **Chapters 13-14**

sullen (114), giddy (115)

harsh (117), distraught (119)

1. What happened to Mr. Kurihara? Why?
2. How did Ken help Mrs. Kurihara?

### **Chapters 15-16**

rumpled (123), sheepishly (126), sliver (127), tinge (129)

bewildered (133), turbulent (134), dignity (136)

1. What stories did Father tell about Montana?
2. Do you think that Ken made a wise decision? Why or why not?

### **Chapter 17**

ragged (139), weary (140), blacklist (145), dismantle (146)

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1. Name some of the reasons why people were leaving the camp.
2. How does the story end? Did you like the ending?