



- 7) When Mary was having a difficult time living in the internment camps, Mama-san asked Mary to imagine twenty years into the future, and look back at their experience in the internment camps. Mama-san suggested, “What kind of memories do we want to have then of how we faced these difficulties now.” What did Mama-san mean when she said that? Was it helpful to Mary?

*Can you think of something in your own life that is difficult that you want to imagine looking back on twenty years from now? If so, how would you like to remember it?*

- 8) Yoneichi never spoke much about his experiences fighting in World War II.

*Why do you think he was reluctant to talk about it – not even telling his family he had received a Bronze Medal?*

- 9) Why was Mary so emotionally torn and upset when she read about the United States dropping an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan?

*If you were Mary’s friend or classmate, what would you say to her after hearing this news?*

- 10) Why did it take Mary so long to open up and tell the details of her experiences in Japanese-American internment camps? What were the cultural restrictions?

*Do you experience cultural restrictions in your own family? If so, what are they? Would they keep you from sharing your own life story?*