

## **Farewell to Manzanar Discussion Questions**

- 1) Read the Foreword and the Chronology- Pay special attention to the terms used in this book on page XV.**
- 2) Read pages 3-27 (Chapters 1-3)**
- 3) Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper**
  - 1) Explain why Papa chose to burn Japanese documents after the bombings of Pearl Harbor?
  - 2) Explain why Japanese Americans were concerned about Executive Order 9066?
  - 3) Analyze how Jeanne's teacher represented the sentiment many Americans felt toward Japanese-Americans?
  - 4) Describe what life was like for Jeanne Wakatsuki and her family on Terminal Island?
  - 5) Describe the housing conditions Jeanne's family were forced to live in once they arrived in Manzanar:
- 1) Read pages 28-59 (Chapters 4-6)**
- 2) Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper**
  - 1) Describe how life in the camp changed the family's relationship
  - 2) Describe the family's reaction of Papa's return from Camp Lincoln?
  - 3) Explain the symbolism of Papa's cane in the novel?
  - 4) Describe what Jeanne thought of her father?

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- 1) Read pages 60-91 (Chapters 7-11)**
- 2) Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper**
  - 1) What did Papa mean when he said "When your mother and father are having a fight, do you want them to kill each other?" Or do you want them to stop fighting?"
  - 2) Describe what the term "Inu" means in Japanese. How is this used in a derogatory way?
  - 3) Explain what the incident between Kiyoko and Papa represent for the family?
  - 4) Explain why Papa never discussed his time spent at Fort Lincoln?
  - 5) How does Jeanne justify the December Riot in Manzanar?

- 6) Explain Woody and Papa's differing opinions on the Loyalty Oath? Who was right?
- 7) What were the three ways that a Japanese person could leave Manzanar?

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**1) Read pages 95-132 (Chapters 12-16)**

**2) Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper**

- 1) What kinds of hobbies and forms of entertainment were people interned at Manzanar permitted to engage in?
- 2) Why is it important for us to know that Manzanar was just like a small American town and that Jeanne's family acted and were treated like "Americans"?
- 3) Why did Jeanne want to be baptized? Explain why her father was so passionately against it?
- 4) Summarize the significance of the Endo Supreme Court Case.
- 5) Explain the realization that Jeanne comes to about the "continuous unnamed ache".

### **Farewell to Manzanar Discussion Questions**

**1) Read pages 133-203 (Chapters 17-22)**

**2) Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper**

- 1) Why did Papa not want to leave Manzanar as soon as possible?
- 2) Describe what Jeanne realized about her friendship with Radine in high school?
- 3) Explain why the American government tore down camps like Manzanar after the war?