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Directions: Write a brief answer to each study question as you read the novel at home or in class. Use the questions to guide your reading and prepare for class discussion.

Chapters 1–4, pp. 1–15

1. Who is the viewpoint character in the first chapter?
2. What year is it?
3. What is the Korean word for father?
4. Who does Sun-hee ask first when she has questions?
5. How old is Sun-hee's brother, Tae-yul?
6. Who is "they" that father and Uncle are discussing?
7. When did the Japanese take over Korea?
8. What is Sun-hee's father's job?
9. Who is the viewpoint character in the second chapter?
10. What will be the Kim family's new family name?
11. What is Tae-yul's new name?
12. Why is Uncle angry when the family listens to the marathon race?
13. Why is Uncle beaten?
14. What does Uncle draw and then have burned?

Chapters 5–7, pp. 15–35

1. What is Sun-hee's new name?
2. What does "Tomo" mean?
3. What happens to Sun-hee when she forgets to call a classmate by her Japanese name?
4. How are the students divided in junior high?
5. What is the third system of Japanese writing that is very difficult to learn?
6. What does Sun-hee win at the end of her fourth year in school?
7. Does Tae-yul have more in common with his father or his uncle?
8. What is Tae-yul building with Uncle's help?
9. The family replaces rice with barley, and then barley with what?
10. What is the national tree of Korea?
11. Who instructs Tae-yul to plant the tree in the pot?
12. How is the tree disguised?

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Chapters 8–11, pp. 35–59

1. Who thinks it is a good idea for Uncle to expand his business?
2. What does Abuji tell Uncle when Uncle offers to move out?
3. Who does Sun-hee take to Uncle's shop?
4. What game do the girls play?
5. Where does Jung-shin's father work?
6. Where in America do the Japanese attack?
7. With what new toy is Tomo playing?
8. How are the Korean and Japanese children taught about Americans?
9. What does Tae-yul see for the first time?
10. How many households are in a neighborhood association?
11. Why is Mrs. Ahn beaten?
12. How many numbers does Sun-hee teach Mrs. Ahn?

Chapters 12–15, pp. 59–81

1. What does the Emperor provide for every student?
2. What is the only radio station available when the family has a radio?
3. What do the soldiers take from Tae-yul?
4. Who is standing in the shadows outside Sun-hee's home?
5. What key words does Sun-hee remember from her hooded conversation with her friend?
6. What does Sun-hee hear from the back room of the print shop?
7. Who does Uncle work for?
8. What does Uncle do for the movement?
9. What does Omoni hide in her underwear?
10. What are the soldiers looking for at the neighborhood accounting?
11. Where does Sun-hee sleep?
12. What does Omoni tell Sun-hee she has made?