

Home was a Horse Stall Questions

Name _____

Read the article and answer all parts of each question completely. Continue on the back when you run out of room.

1. Just before leaving for the internment camp, Yumi Kataoka burned her family's books, letters, calendars, and certificates from the Japanese bank. Why? If you had to destroy the possessions that identified your cultural heritage, what would you choose? How would you feel?
2. How did Sox get her nickname? What do you think the name reveals about the people who gave it to her?
3. At the farewell breakfast she prepared, Mrs. Perkins refused to allow Nee and Sox to help serve the meal. She told them it was her turn to serve them. What do you think this symbolized? How did Mrs. Perkins continue to show acts of kindness to the Kataoka family even after the internment?
4. Describe the conditions in the camps. What effect did the camps have on Japanese American family life? How did Japanese Americans build a sense of community in these difficult conditions?
5. During World War II, the United States was at war with Germany and Italy as well as Japan. Why do you believe the government treated Japanese Americans differently than it treated German American and Italian Americans?
6. Some Japanese American men refused to pledge loyalty and fight for the U.S. until the government released the internees. Were they justified in their protest? Explain.
7. Should the government attempt to provide financial compensation to the ethnic and racial groups it has discriminated against? If so, how can the government arrive at a dollar value for these injuries?