

Summer Reading for ESL2 students at Norwood High School

**Required Reading for English Language Learners in ESL2: Everyone will read “Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes” by Eleanor Coerr plus one other book from the list**

“Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes” by Eleanor Coerr

This story is based on the real life of a Japanese girl who became sick ten years after being exposed to the atom bomb. It is a story of hope and inspiration to everyone.

**Instructions**

- Read the entire book first. You may need to look up words that you don't understand. You can also ask someone in your family who reads in English to help you with this assignment.
- After reading book, answer the following questions.

- 1) Who are the main characters?
- 2) Where is the story taking place?
- 3) What holiday is being celebrated in Japan in chapter 1?
- 4) What is the name of the “atom bomb disease”
- 5) How does the story end?
- 6) Do you like this book? Why?

**Pick another book to read from the following list.**

**First Day in Grapes**, by L. King Perez (ISBN#1-58430-045-0) Lee & Low Books, NY, 2002 – story of Chico, the son of migrant workers, who travels a lot and has to start anew in many different schools

**The Girl from Chimel**, by Rigoberta Menchu – life story of Nobel Prize winner Rigoberto Menchu and her childhood in Guatemala.

**The King with Dirty Feet and Other stories**, compiled by Mary Medlicott (ISBN#0753400030) – stories from all over the world

**I Hate English**, by Ellen Levine – Mei Mei arrives in New York from Hong Kong and quickly gets frustrated because she can't understand English.

**My Name is Bilal**, by Asma Mobin-Udding (ISBN#1-59078-175-9) Boyds Mills Press, PA 2005 – Bilal and his sister Ayesha are one of the few Muslim students in his school

**In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson**, by Bette Bao Lord – story of a Chinese girl adjusting to her new life in the U.S. during the 1940's – based on the author's experience (for more advanced beginners)

### For more advanced readers

**Behind the Mountain**, by Edwidge Danticat – a young Haitian girl and her family move to New York City – based on the author's experiences.

**The Cinnamon Tree**, by Aubrey Flegg, story of a young African girl who goes to Ireland for treatment after the amputation of her leg from an unexploded bomb.

**Cool Salsa**, ed. by Lori M. Carlson – Bilingual Poems on Growing up Latino in the U.S.

**Children of the River**, by Linda Crew – Sundara moves to Oregon from Cambodia after fleeing the Khmer Rouge war

**Haiti on my Mind – Stories of Haitian American Teens**, ed. by Dana K. Vincent – different stories by teenagers from Haitian descent living in the U.S.

**Holes**, by Louis Sachar – Story of boys in a detention center who solve a mystery.

**Hoops**, by Walter Dean Myers – a star basketball player in High School has to make a very tough decision

**Kids Like Me-Voices of the Immigrant Experience**, ed. by Judith Blohm and Terry Lapinsky – real life stories of teenagers from different parts of the world and their experiences living in the U.S. – **You can choose to read just 3 stories from this collection.**

**The Pact**, by Davis, Jenkins and Hunt – three young men promise to do well in school and fulfill a dream.

**Quinceanera means Sweet 15**, by Veronica Chamber – two Latina best friends in the U.S. experience turning 15.

**Remember This Titan: The Bill Yoast Story**, by Steve Sullivan – the real life hero that inspired the movie

**Shabanu**, by Suzanne Fish Staples – fictionalized account of a Pakistani girl in a traditional rural culture

**The Skin I'm In**, by Sharon G. Flake – story of a girl who struggles with accepting how she looks and the teacher who helps her.

**The Way Things Work**, by David MacAuley – fun, illustrated guide to many different tools, machines and other things we use.

**War Horse**, by Michael Morpurgo – story of the friendship between a horse and the soldier who rides him.