

The Favorite Daughter

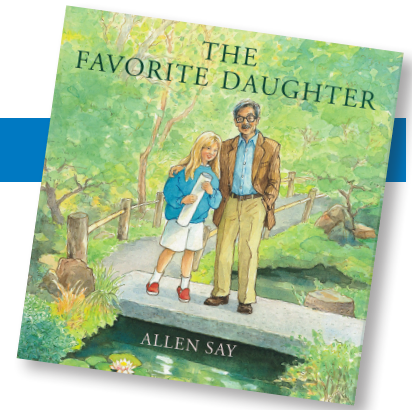
A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Family, Cultural Identity, Relationships, Problem Solving

Book Brief: Yuriko loves art—and her name—until a bad experience at school makes her want to change who she is. With her father's help,

she learns to embrace her own special identity.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: This story is about a father born in Japan raising a daughter in San Francisco, California. Ask students to notice the problems that Yuriko faces at school and think about how she solves them.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

JAPANESE LOGIC PUZZLES (AGES 6-12)

Teach children how to play Sudoku online (www.mypuzzle.org/sudoku-for-kids) or on paper. After a few rounds, have them create their own game. Encourage them to try out other Japanese logic puzzles. You can find some online at www.brainbashers.com/logicpuzzles.asp.

SNACKING WITH CHOPSTICKS (ALL AGES)

Materials: chopsticks

Chopsticks have been around a lot longer than forks and are still going strong. Give students chopsticks. Show kids how to use them if they don't know; children can model for each other. Have students eat their snacks using their chopsticks.

- ◆ Demo: www.youtube.com/watch?v=52hNiYauNQo
- ◆ Extension: Review Japanese chopstick etiquette: www.japan-guide.com/e/e2039.html

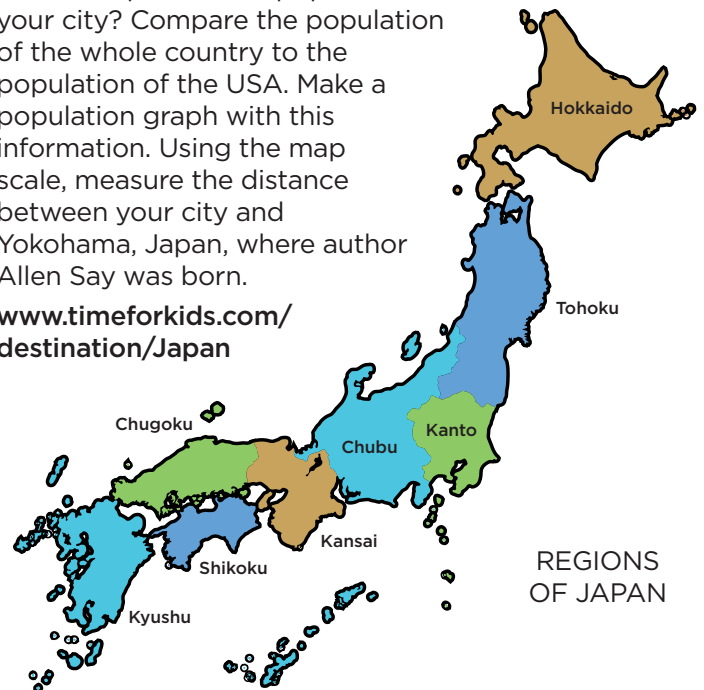
Afterwards, ask children if they had trouble using chopsticks and, if so, ask them why.

MAP IT! (AGES 6-12)

Materials: world map or globe

Ask students to find Japan on the world map. What do students notice about the geography of the country? Research the top three cities in Japan and their populations. How do the populations of those three cities compare to the population in your city? Compare the population of the whole country to the population of the USA. Make a population graph with this information. Using the map scale, measure the distance between your city and Yokohama, Japan, where author Allen Say was born.

www.timeforkids.com/destination/Japan



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Drawing from Memory (2011), *Emma's Rug* (2003), *Grandfather's Journey* (2008), *Tea with Milk* (2009), *Tree of Cranes* (2009).



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