

Dear America: Early Sunday Morning

Answer all questions in your reading notebook! Define the vocabulary words and write the page number you found them on.

Day 1: Pages 3-10

1. Who is the narrator? What point of view is this story told in?
2. Who is in her family?
3. Why do the Billows family move so often?
4. Why was Amber upset about the move?

Vocabulary:

lurking, escorted, offending

Day 2: Pages 11-20

1. In what ways are Amber and her brother Andy different?
2. What does Amber do every time she moves? Why do you think she does this?
3. What are some things you learned about Hawaii?

Vocabulary:

distinguished, collapsed

Day 3: Pages 20-28

1. How would you describe Mom and Dad? What are some of their character traits?
2. What does Mom do to people she doesn't like at her dinner parties?

Vocabulary:

reputation, precisely

Day 4: Pages 29-39

1. What does Amber do when people cry or say something nice to her? Why do you think she acts like this?

Vocabulary:

rare, ritual

Day 5: Pages 43-52

1. How did Amber travel from Washington D.C. to Hawaii?
2. Compare and contrast Hawaii with Washington D.C.
3. Why doesn't Amber want to try surfing anymore?
4. Do you think it's better to have one best friend or more than one? Why?
5. Why doesn't Amber want to be a Girl Scout?

Vocabulary:

elegant

Day 6: Pages 52-60

1. Why was Amber named Amber?
2. What does Dad have to do when he moves to a new city?

Vocabulary:

decipher, genuinely

Day 7: Pages 60-69

1. What is family life like in a Japanese house? Does it sound like your family life?
2. Where does Amber promise to go with Kame on December 7?
3. Why would it be bad for Kame if America and Japan went to war?

Vocabulary:

dilemma, inconsiderate

Day 8: Pages 70-81

1. Describe Amber's first Thanksgiving in Hawaii.
2. Why does Lieutenant Lockhart think Japan will not go to war with America?
3. What ship does Lieutenant Lockhart belong to?

Vocabulary:

lecture

Day 9: Pages 82-90

1. Summarize the events that took place on December 7.

Vocabulary:

illegible, astonished, ceased

Day 10: Pages 91-96

1. What happened to the *Arizona* to make it the worst hit?

Vocabulary:

capsized, confined

Day 11: Pages 96-102

1. Where did Mom and Amber go? What was Amber's job there?
2. Describe what it was like in the hospital.
3. What detail on page 100 shows that Amber is empathetic and kind?
4. How was Lieutenant Lockhart able to survive the explosion on the *Arizona*?

Vocabulary:

excruciating

Day 12: Pages 102-109

1. What were some of the rumors going around about the attacks and war?
2. What is a blackout and why is Hawaii doing it?
3. Why isn't school in session?

Vocabulary:

preposterous

Day 13: Pages 109-118

1. How has Kame's life changed since December 7?
2. What happened to Mr. Poole?

Day 14: Pages 118-124

1. Why is the government having people carry around gas masks and build bomb shelters?

Day 15: Pages 125-129

1. Why are the Billows moving again?