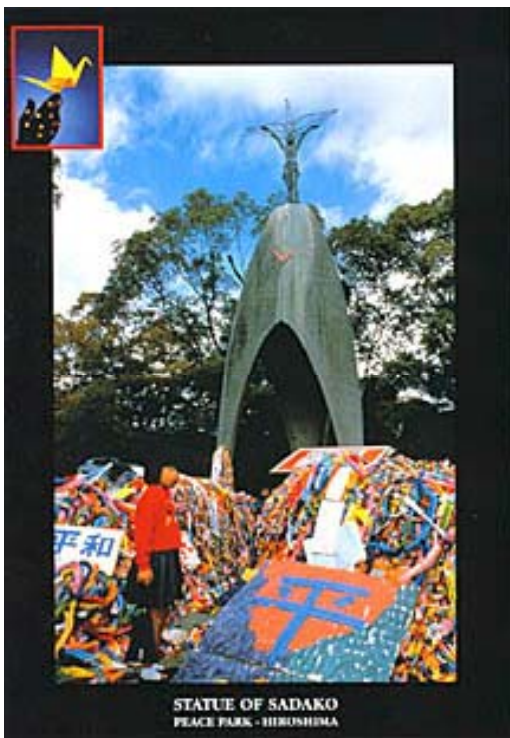


Sadako & The Thousand Paper Cranes



Sadako Sasaki, pictured here front row center, was in sixth grade when this photo of the Bamboo Relay Team was taken in 1955.



Sadako Statue, Hiroshima



Sadako Statue, Seattle

**This is our cry.
This is our prayer.
Peace in the world.**

Lesson Plan 3 - 6 grade

1. Distribute the book **Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes** by Eleanor Coerr.
2. Either read the story as a class or assign the book for students to read individually at home--preferably with a parent.
3. In class: watch the 30 minute video companion *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* distributed by Informed Democracy. (For younger students, teachers may wish to turn on the English subtitles, so students can read the text to themselves while watching the video). To order this video: <http://www.sadako.com/>
4. Use the links to classroom activities, ideas for follow-up research, and online web sources to further enhance the lesson.

Links to classroom activities:

On How to fold a paper crane and send your cranes to Hiroshima:

<http://www.sadako.com/howtofold.html>

<http://www.paperfolding.com/diagrams/>

A printable crossword puzzle on Sadako's story:

<http://www.abcteach.com/japan/sadako.html>

A printable form for a report on the story:

<http://www.abcteach.com/japan/sadako1.htm>

Questions for Follow-up Research:

Why did the American plane, Enola Gay, drop an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945?

How many Japanese people were killed by the atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and on Nagasaki, another Japanese city, on August 9, 1945?

What inspired the Japanese and American people to establish peace parks in Hiroshima and Seattle?

What are the objectives of the parks and the various projects that children and adults have organized to commemorate the bombings over the years?

What are people in your town doing to raise awareness about the consequences of war and the necessity for peace in the world?

What can you and your classmates do to promote conflict resolution in your classroom, at your school, in your neighborhood, in your town, in the country, and in the world?

On August 2, 1999 fifth graders from 50 schools in Japan and 24 schools from 7 other countries gathered at Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima to dedicate the thousands of cranes they had made to the victims of war. While there, the children of Hiroshima, made the following declaration:

The people of Hiroshima hereby proclaim that we will never bring on war again. We have learned a lot about the tragedies of war, and about the importance of keeping the peace, here at Nagatsuka Elementary School. Can you imagine the pain of ordinary people who suffer wounds and anger in the battlefield? It is so sad that there are still so many people who experience the sacrifice and suffering of war in so many parts of the world.



Lesson Plan 7 - 9 grade

1. Distribute the book **Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes** by Eleanor Coerr.
2. Have the students create a lesson plan for third and fourth graders that teaches them about WWII, the role the atomic bombs played in the war, the human and diplomatic costs of the U.S. decision to use the atomic bomb.
3. Possible Discussion Questions and Paper or Poster Topics:
 - Was dropping the A-bomb on Japan a terrible mistake or a necessary evil?
 - What are the costs and benefits of using atomic (nuclear) energy today?
 - What are the similarities and differences between the U.S. bombing of Japanese people in 1945 and the continued bombing of people in Iraq today?

Links to Online Web Sources:

On Hiroshima:

http://www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/index_e2.html

<http://www.csi.ad.jp/suzuhari-es/1000cranes/nagasaki/index.html>

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/nagasaki/mainn.html>

On Nagasaki:

<http://www1.city.nagasaki.nagasaki.jp/na-bomb/museum/museum01.html>

<http://www-sdc.med.nagasaki-u.ac.jp/n50/start-E.html>

On both cities:

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/abomb/mpmenu.htm>

<http://www.dannen.com/decision/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atomic_bombings_of_Hiroshima_and_Nagasaki

On Sadako's Statue in Peace Park, Hiroshima:

<http://www.sadako.com/>

On the Sadako Statue in Seattle Peace Park:

<http://www.sadako.org/>

On Crane Lore and the Thousand Cranes Peace Network

<http://rosella.apana.org.au/~mlb/cranes/lore.htm>