

The Favorite Daughter

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Family, Cultural Identity, Relationships, Problem Solving

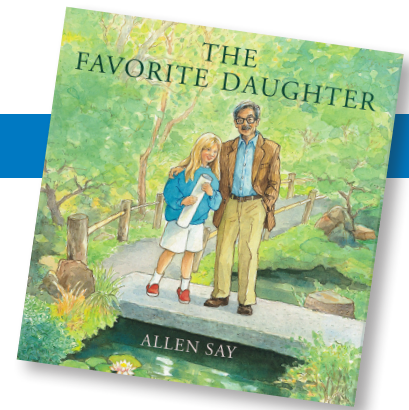
Book Brief: Yuriko loves art—and her name—until a bad experience at school makes her want to change who she is. With her father’s help, she learns to embrace her own special identity.

Author and Illustrator:

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Content

Connections: Social Studies, Art



TIME TO READ!

BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

The Cover: What can students tell about the story by examining the cover and

title of the book? Where are the characters standing?

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk. What do students notice about the pictures and places the characters go? What information is added when you note that some of the pictures are photographs?

Prior Knowledge: Explain that this book is about a Japanese-American father and daughter relationship. The daughter has a Japanese name, *Yuriko*, which leads to some teasing at school.

Vocabulary: *kimono*, *manju* (dumplings), ordinary, souvenir, sushi, unique

Purpose for Reading: “As you read, notice how Yuriko changes from the beginning of the story to the end. What problems does she face and how does she solve them?”

WHILE WE READ

MONITORING COMPREHENSION

- ◆ What is Yuriko wearing in her toddler picture?
- ◆ Why does Yuriko go straight to her room when she gets home from school?
- ◆ Why does her father introduce Yuriko as Michelle to Kudo-san?

- ◆ How does Father take Yuriko on a “quick trip” to Japan?
- ◆ How do the outings to the sushi restaurant and Japanese garden help Yuriko work through her problem?

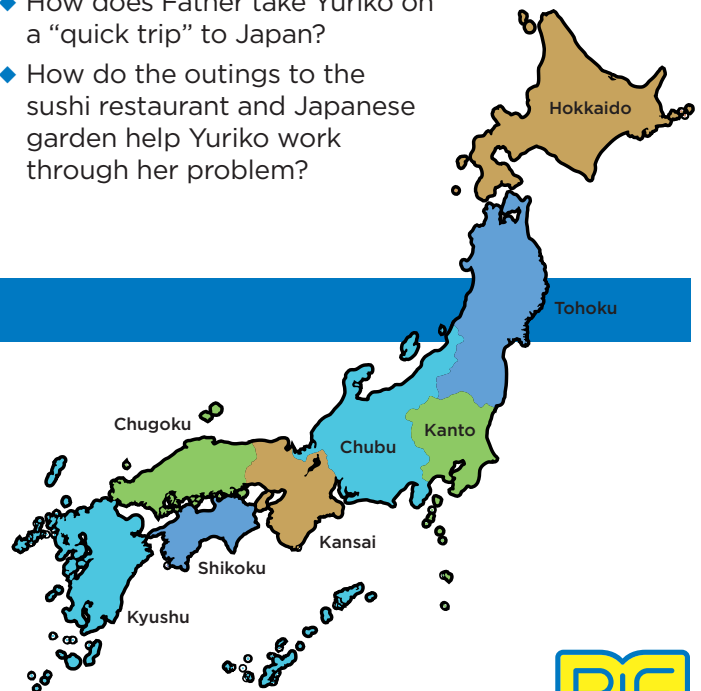
LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: How did Yuriko solve the art project problem about which she was upset? How did Yuriko decide she did not want a different name?

Extending Our Thinking: What are some ways that Yuriko could have worked through being teased about her name? What could she have done at school or said to her teacher? Have you ever felt teased about something unique about you? How did you work through that issue?

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- ◆ Extension Activities for Educators also available.
- ◆ Vocabulary Scaffolding Sheet also available.



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