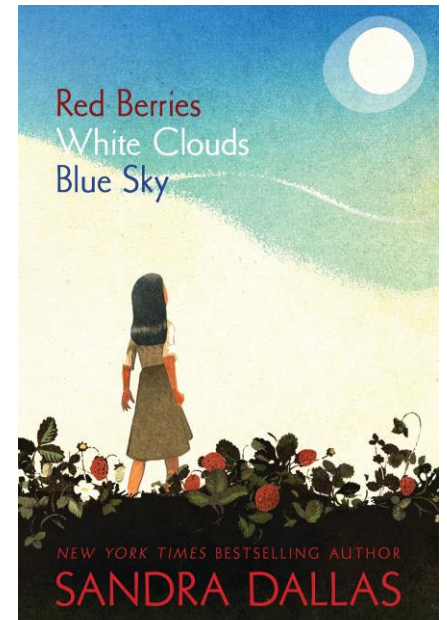


[Red Berries White Clouds Blue Sky](#) by Sandra Davis (Sleeping Bear, 2014)

Toni is American, but after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1942, her family is separated and imprisoned in an internment camp for Japanese Americans in Colorado. While struggling to survive the experience tests Toni's faith in the American dream. Can Toni

Book Discussion Questions

1. Before reading this book were you aware that the Japanese were imprisoned in relocation camps after the Japanese invaded Pearl Harbor and brought the United States into World War II? Why do you think the American government did this?
2. The Itanos find themselves in dreadful living conditions – first the horse stall then a crude hut with soldiers guarding them. How do the Japanese families adapt to camp life?
3. Mrs. Glessner is Toni's teacher and a white woman who lives in the town. Her husband brings his scout troop to the camp in the hopes that meeting other kids they can learn tolerance. What is tolerance? Do you think bringing out the scout troops helped?
4. After a while the Japanese are given passes to go into town. How do the townsfolk react to them?
5. At one point in the book Toni talks about how America is a nation of immigrants and each group brings their own culture, but first generation Japanese are not allowed to become citizens and now they have to give up their culture? Are the Itanos still able to experience Japanese traditions?
6. When Pop finally returns to his family he is an angry and broken man. At one point he says. (P.141) "I taught you and your brothers that the two most important things in life were your family and your country. Now I think it is only family." Why do you think he said this?
7. How does Pop react to his family when he returns – his wife, Toni and his son Roy?
8. How does Toni react to her father's bitterness?



9. Why does Pop begin to change towards the end of the book? Each of the Itanos family members grow in this book. Who do you think changes the most?

10. We learn about the title of the book at the very end when Toni mentions it in her winning essay. P.228. Where else in the book are there colors of the American flag?

11. This book is about a dark period in American history – how would you describe the ending?

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