

Small Group 5th Grade Power Lesson Problem Solving through Difficult Events

Materials used: The Day the Towers Fell available through RAFT at www.raftstore.net

Part I: Google a picture of the Pearl Harbor bombing. Discuss what you see in the picture and what you think it means. Teacher or parent leader will guide you when reading The Day the Towers Fell book.

1. List 5 facts on the bombing of Pearl Harbor compared with the bombing of the World Trade Center.

Pearl Harbor Bombing	World Trade Center Bombing
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

2. List 3 ways community members responded to both of these events.

1.
2.
3.

3. List

4. List

4. When considering the two books you read how did community members relate to the Japanese soldiers and Japanese citizens during the war? Cite page numbers in your examples.

Relationships with Japanese soldiers	Relationships with Japanese citizens
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

5. Based on your reading list 5 examples of racism described in the books. Research racism on the computer to explain your answers.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Part III: Play the Tic Tac Trouble game

1. List 5 types of math word problems that could be developed from both books.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

2. Write out a 1 word problem that can be developed from the books. Solve the problem in 4 different ways and show your work. Discuss why is it is important to be able to express your work in different formats.

3. Write a reflection on how you used specific strategies to solve the math problem in 4 different ways.

4. Mei Ling and her community are raising funds for families in China affected by the war. Use the template below to create a fundraising goal, a strategy and budget that can be completed in six weeks for families of a specific country that need assistance from a war.

Fundraising Goal: We will raise funds totaling \$ _____ in the next six weeks to assist families that have been affected by war in the country of _____ . Funds will be raised by _____ .

Sample Budget Template with Example from Mei Ling in China City

Total Anticipated Income Example \$200 Mei Ling will sell 100 American flags and 100 opera tickets at \$1 each for a total of 200 items times \$1 equals \$200	Your Anticipated Income Strategy
Anticipated Fundraising Expenses \$0 Mei Ling purchased poster boards and marking pens to advertise the	

