EPILOGUE

Sadako Sasaki died on October 25, 1955.

Her classmates folded three hundred and fifty-six cranes so that one thousand were buried with Sadako. In a way she got her wish. She will live on in the hearts of people for a long time.

After the funeral the bamboo class collected Sadako's letters and published them in a book. They called it Kokeshi, after the doll they had given to Sadako while she was in the hospital. The book was sent around Japan and soon everyone knew about Sadako and her thousand paper cranes.

Sadako's friends began to dream of building a monument to her and all children who were killed by the atom bomb. Young people throughout the country helped collect money for the project. Finally their dream came true. In 1958 the statue was unveiled in the Hiroshima Peace Park. There is Sadako, standing on top of a granite mountain of paradise. She is holding a golden crane in outstretched hands.

A Folded Crane Club was organized in her honor. Members still place thousands of paper cranes beneath Sadako's statue on August 6 --- Peace Day. They make a wish, too. Their wish is engraved on the base of the statue:

This is our cry,

this is our prayer;

peace in the world.

Comprehension Check 10

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1. The bamboo class published Sadako's letters in a book. They called it Tsuru. ( )

2. In 1958 a statue of Sadako was built in the Hiroshima Peace Park. ( )