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Close-Reading Questions

"Betrayed By America"

1. According to the article, why did Japan bomb Pearl Harbor in 1941? (key ideas)

2. On page 6, Kristin Lewis writes that the bombing of Pearl Harbor changed American history and Bill's life. In what ways did the bombing change American history and Bill's life? (key ideas; cause and effect)

3. On page 7, Lewis explains that Executive Order 9066 allowed Japanese Americans on the West Coast to be sent to relocation camps. "History," Lewis then writes, "would come to regard this order as one of America's most shameful acts." What information does Lewis provide to explain why the order would come to be seen that way? (analyzing the development of an idea)

4. On page 8, Lewis describes Bill looking at a movie theater that "might as well have been on the moon." What does she mean? (figurative language)

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Critical-Thinking Questions

"Betrayed By America" and "Children of Camp"

1. Lewis writes that when Japanese Americans were finally set free from the internment camps, "their sense of safety and justice had been shattered." Why might this have happened?
2. At the end of the article, Bill says he feels that everyone should know what happened to Japanese Americans in the 1940s "so it never happens again." How could knowing what happened prevent something similar from happening again? What else do we need to do to make sure it never happens again?
3. In the poem, the poet writes that people "made poetry from camp." What does he mean? How does this idea compare with what Kristin Lewis writes about life in the camps?