

Under the Blood-Red Sun Study Guide

Time Line

1941	
September 14 Sunday Afternoon	Grampa drying Japanese flag on the clothes line. Keet Wilson and Jake Davis harass Tomi's Dad's pigeons. Tomi struggles with his temper wanting to "save face."
September 15 Monday Morning	School. Conversation about USS Greer attacked on Sept 4. After school Tomi and Billy go to Diamond grass and practice pitching (pg 36). They bet on the World Series. Billy takes the Yankees and Tomi takes the Brooklyn Dodgers. They bet 15 cents (you could buy a new baseball for that-pg 67). Papa and Tomi check on the pigeons.
September 27 Saturday	Fishing boat weekend with Sanji, Papa, Tomi and Billy.
September 28 Sunday	Sell fish at market. Billy gives some of his fish to Mr. Wilson and Keet.
October 1 Wednesday	World Series begins.
October 5 Sunday	Game four of the World Series. Rainy day in Hawaii. Jake Davis and Keet Wilson are shooting guns in the woods and almost hit Tomi accidentally.
October 31 Friday Halloween	USS Reuben James is sunk by a German submarine.
A School Day (probably Nov 3-6)	Grampa is waving Japanese flag and singing Japan's national anthem. Mr Wilson becomes angry and confronts Tomi about Grampa's behavior (pg 78-79 "Jap crap").
The Next Day (a school day)	Lucky has her puppies. Billy comes to see the puppies and meets Red (soon to be his new dog). That night US military at Pearl Harbor practice maneuvers (pg 85).
The Next Day	Papa comes home and Tomi reads him the newspaper article about the sinking of the Rueben James.

November 14 Friday	The boys meet the butcher. Science projects assignments are made with Mr Ramos. "I want to see some real progress by Dec 15, that is one month from now" (pg 90).
December 6 Saturday	Keet Wilson gets his rifle taken away from him. Tomi overhears a fight between Keet and his dad. Kimi names one of the puppies Azuki Beans.
December 7 Sunday	Billy and Tomi have their regular Sunday morning baseball practice at Diamond grass. Tomi lets some of the pigeons (racers) out for exercise before 8 am. Billy reminds Tomi that he owes him 15 cents. Japanese fighters bomb Pearl Harbor. Grampa waves his flag at them. They bury the flag with the emperor's picture under the Tomi's house. At 8:40 am Billy and Tomi are at Charlie's house to listen to the radio. By 9:30 am the planes are gone. That afternoon, Billy lies to US soldiers about Tomi's Grampa waving a Japanese flag earlier that day.
December 8 Monday	Tomi and Grampa are forced to kill all of their pigeons. The Wilsons do not let Tomi's mother come to work cleaning their house. Later that day, standing in line at the store, Tomi and his mother are feared and alienated (pg 131).
December 9 Tuesday	The US begins arresting Japanese fishermen, language school teachers, businessmen and Buddhist priests (pg 135). Tomi's mom buries anything remotely Japanese (traditional kimono, a bundle of letters tied together with a white ribbon, a photograph of Tomi standing in the front row of his language school class with a Japanese flag in the background, grandma's alter, incense wrapped in thin paper, the family katana, and a few other things pg 137).
December 10 Wednesday	Grampa discovers that Tomi's dad was shot in the leg and has been arrested and that Sanji was killed (pg 141). Grampa also shares that the fishing boat was sunk in Ala Wai Canal.
A Few Days Later (more than 2 weeks since Kimi saw Papa)	Two of the three lost pigeons return to the loft (pg 144-145).
A Few Days Later (just before Christmas)	Jake and Billy build a bomb-shelter. Tomi delivers Red to Billy. Billy and Tomi talk about Billy's lie. Tomi tells Billy about his father being arrested and Sanji's death. Billy is a supportive friend.

	<p>ID cards are distributed (pg 151). Billy and Tomi practice ball at Diamond grass again.</p>
In the Next Days	<p>Tomi sees Mose and Rico again and tells them about his father being arrested. They go to the police station to find out about Tomi's dad. He is at Sand Island. Tomi meets Grampa and Charlie in the woods with the katana (sword). Grampa hides the katana in the jungle safe and sound (pg 164).</p>
December 27 Saturday	<p>Tomi's family had to forget Christmas this year. Billy and Tomi talk about the USS Arizona burning for three days (pg 166). Tomi, Billy, Mama and Kimi go to visit Sanji's family (his wife: Reiko, and his daughter: Mari and Sanji's wife's mother. They brought a gift of a box of eggs. Billy gave his binoculars to Sanji's daughter Marii (the one's his dad gave him for Christmas) in exchange for bananas (pg 170).</p>
Dawn (probably Dec 28-31)	<p>Tomi swims to Sand Island and sees his father in a prisoner's camp. That night, after swimming back, Tomi falls asleep by the water and is caught by Military Police (MP). He is questioned and they drive him home. His family was worried about him. Grampa doesn't believe him, at first (pg 186-187). Mama tells Tomi that he is brave. Tomi thinks Mama is braver than them all.</p>
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January 1 Thursday	<p>Billy comes over to play baseball. Tomi invites Billy into his house and his room for the first time ever. The team is going over to play a game with the Kaka'ako boys. Tomi tells his friends about going to see his father. Tomi's team wins the game. The Kaka'ako boys intervene when the Coral Street punks pick a fight with Tomi and his friends after the game.</p>
January 4 Sunday	<p>Tomi has a nightmare about his father being shot by a firing squad.</p>
January 5 Monday	<p>Gift of kerosene shows up on the porch (five gallons: probably from the Davis family). "That stuff was as good as gold, and almost impossible to get" (pg 207). Tomi, Billy, Kimi and Grampa go to Diamond grass and practice baseball. Grampa hits a pitch from Billy and dances in the grass. Four pups chase Lucky through Diamond grass</p>

	as Lucky drags the Japanese flag through the grass.
January 6 Tuesday	Grampa finds out that Papa has already been moved to the mainland. Mrs. Wilson asks Mama to come back to work (cleaning the Wilson's home).
January 8 Thursday	About 5:00 pm Grampa is arrested and taken away by the FBI. Mama tells Tomi about her first time arriving to Hawaii and having no one to turn to. Tomi must look for a job.
January 9 Friday	Dawn: Charlie comes to visit and learns about Grampa's arrest. Charlie shows Tomi where the sword is hidden. Keet threatens Tomi with a rifle and shoots the katana/sword. Tomi stands up to Keet and risks his life for the sake of the sword.
Near the End of January	A postcard arrives from Papa.
Early One Morning (probably first week in Feb: school had been out almost 2 months)	Mr Davis tells Tomi that his dad is in Crystal City, Texas. They do not know where Grampa was taken yet. School starts up again. Boys have to carry a gas mask with them at all times. Many things have changed. Mr Ramos explains why this happened: talks about power and choice (pg 233-236). After school: Tomi goes to see the Taigo Maru and his friends go with him to the canal. On the way back Tomi is verbally attacked by a racist. Rico stands up to the man and says something to him. Tomi stands up to the man and says something to him.
Early One Sunday Morning (a few weeks later)	Reiko and Mari visit Tomi's family bringing a bucket of crawfish as a gift. Tomi makes plans with himself to oil the katana tonight. He is the keeper/guardian of the katana. He imagines his family together again passing the katana between him, his father and his Grampa.