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Journey to America - Summary

Journey to America is a book about overcoming hardship and finding hope. In this book there is a mom and three daughters. They lived in Russia while WWII was going on. The family had Nazis look at their every move and also a lot of pogroms. They decide to book tickets to leave to America because they got a letter from their dad saying to come to America. They didn't go straight to America, their first stop was in Germany. They had to stay longer in Germany because the mother was sick and because of that two of the three girls went to a bad camp and the third girl went to a temporary family to stay with. They all made new friends, but ultimately decided to continue their trip to America. After a long journey they went to the sea port and got on a boat. After 2 weeks on an uncomfortable boat they saw the Statue of Liberty. And then they arrived at Ellis Island and Annie, the youngest daughter got lost. When they found Annie they went to their father's apartment and lived happily ever after.

Names: Elisa, Malka, Batya, Toby

Shooting Kabul - Summary

Shooting Kabul is a book about overcoming obstacles, and having hope. Fadi and his family live in Afghanistan, but when the Taliban become bad, Fadi and his family are forced to escape. In the rush to escape, Fadi's hand slips from his sister Mariam's, and she gets left behind. In America, Fadi is discriminated against for the events of 9/11. When Fadi sees a photo shoot with a grand prize of a trip to India, he sees the opportunity to go back and find Mariam. He tries very hard to win it, but he doesn't do it. He does get together with the other bullied kids and apprehends the bullies. After the photo contest, he goes to the place where his friend won second place. At the place, he sees a picture of his sister. After that, she is found and brought home. Fadi shows great hope that he can find his sister, and overcomes the discrimination.

Name: Daniel, Geffen, Odelia, Jonathan

The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson - Summary

The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson is about perseverance. The main character was a Girl named Shirley Temple Wong. She was an immigrant from China who moved to Brooklyn. One of the challenges she faced was learning how to play stickball, and using roller skates like one of her American friends, Mabel. She also had a hard time learning how to speak English while keeping her ability to speak Chinese. In the middle of the book, she starts to follow Jackie Robinson and the Brooklyn Dodgers. In the end of the book, the Brooklyn Dodgers lose to the Yankees and Shirley Temple Wong meets Jackie Robinson.

Name: Shoshana, Ronin, and Jayla

Esperanza Rising - Summary

Esperanza rising is a book about hope, overcoming obstacles, and working hard. This story is about a Mexican family who immigrated to California and works in the fields. They came to California because Ramona, Esperanza's mother, was forced to marry Esperanza's uncle, Tio Luis, after Papa's death. Esperanza's family and servants traveled by train to get to California. Once they arrived, Esperanza realized that she had a better life in Mexico and did not belong in California working in the fields. Esperanza meets a girl in her cabin named Isabel. Isabel teaches Esperanza about how the fields work and how to take care of the babies. Later on, Esperanza's mother gets sick in a sand storm. Now Esperanza has to find a different job and work extra hard so she can pay the bills for Mama who is in the hospital to get better, and so she can afford to send for Abuelita, who was left behind in Mexico. When Esperanza's mother feels better, Esperanza tries showing how much money she earned by working. When she looked she found nothing but anger. At the end of the book her grandma came and everything was better.