

Kensuke's Kingdom

Read chapter 8 and then discuss some of the following questions.

Day 1 (AF2)

1. What are the names of Kensuke's wife and son?
2. What was Kensuke's job?
3. Who has saved Michael's life twice and how?
4. How does Michael know Kensuke trusts him?

Challenge:

Who do you trust and why?

Day 2 (AF3)

1. What makes Kensuke so sad that he wants to die?
2. Why does Kensuke feel so lucky?
3. Why is Michael worried about betraying Kensuke's trust?

Challenge:

Should Michael send the message or not? Write 5 persuasive reasons.

Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. How does Kensuke's story help to explain what has happened so far to Michael?
2. How does Kensuke's speech show that he isn't used to speaking English?
3. What does 'guilt' mean?

Challenge:

Draw a timeline to show Kensuke's life story.

Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. How does Kensuke's life story make you feel?
2. Is there anything else you would like to know about Kensuke?
3. Do you think Michael should trust Kensuke?

Challenge:

Use books and the internet to find out more about Nagasaki.

Kensuke's Kingdom Answers

Chapter 8: Everyone Dead in Nagasaki

Day 1 (AF2)

1. What are the names of Kensuke's wife and son?
Kimi and Michiya
2. What was Kensuke's job?
He was a doctor.
3. Who has saved Michael's life twice and how?
Kensuke - he rescued Michael from the shipwreck and then after the jellyfish attack.
4. How does Michael know Kensuke trusts him?
He lets Michael row the boat back to shore and fell asleep.

Challenge:

Who do you trust and why?

Day 2 (AF3)

1. What makes Kensuke so sad that he wants to die?
When he heard that Japan had surrendered.
2. Why does Kensuke feel so lucky?
Because he is alive and so many other people had died.
3. Why is Michael worried about betraying Kensuke's trust?
Because he had done so much for Michael and they had become good friends.

Challenge:

Should Michael send the message or not?
Write 5 persuasive reasons.

Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. How does Kensuke's story help to explain what has happened so far to Michael?
It helps Michael understand how Kensuke ended up on the island and why he has not tried to escape.
2. How does Kensuke's speech show that he isn't used to speaking English?
It is in broken English. He does not use full sentences.
3. What does 'guilt' mean?
Listen to pupil's responses. If necessary, share the dictionary definition; a state of remorse caused by the feeling that one has done something wrong.

Challenge:

Draw a timeline to show Kensuke's life story.

Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. How does Kensuke's life story make you feel?
Listen to pupil's responses. Encourage them to refer to the text to explain their answers.
2. Is there anything else you would like to know about Kensuke?
Listen to pupil's responses.
3. Do you think Michael should trust Kensuke?
Listen to pupil's responses.

Challenge:

Use books and the internet to find out more about Nagasaki.

