Snow Falling on Cedars

Book key

1 a cabin, gaff, gill-net, lighthouse, mast, salmon, seagull
   b acre, cedar, lease, strawberry
   c coroner, counsel, defendant, prosecute, sheriff, verdict
2 a On the island of San Piedro, in an isolated area of the north-western United States.
   b People of different races and origins, including Japanese and Germans.
   c They are fishermen and strawberry farmers.
3 a Kabuo Miyamoto
   b Carl Heine
   c Ishmael Chambers
   d Hatsue Miyamoto
   e Art Moran
   f Abel Martinson
   g Nels Gudmundsson
4 a His body was in the salmon net hanging down from the Susan Marie.
   b It was foggy.
   c They were all on.
   d It was working well.
   e They were fine. There were two batteries – a D-8 and a D-6 in the battery-holder, which had been adjusted to fit the D-6.
   f There were two D-6s and no spare.
5 Open answers
6 a ✓ b ✓ c ✗ d ✗
7 a cuts them off his body; puts pieces in a bag; checks pockets and the belt
   b straightens it, freeing the right foot
   c pumps it with his hands until liquid flows from the mouth and nose
   d cuts the hair around the wound; cuts across it and pulls back the face
   e cuts through the bone with his saw
8–9 Open answers
10 Possible answers:
   a What does Hatsue say that her husband looks like?
   b Why did Hatsue have classes with Mrs Shigemura?
   c Where were Kabuo and Hatsue married?
   d What did Hatsue remember when she was in Kabuo's arms?
   e How soon after the marriage of Hatsue and Kabuo did Kabuo join the American army?
   f What did Ishmael decide after he kissed Hatsue for the first time?
   g Where did Ishmael and Hatsue talk and kiss?
11–12 Open answers
13 a 9 b 8 c 3 d 1 e 4 f 2 g 7 h 6
   i 5 j 10
14–15 Open answers
16 a T b F c F d T e T f F
17 Open answers
18 a In Hawaii, in the United States.
   b In 1941.
   c Japanese-Americans were put in camps (as the United States entered the war).
19 Possible answers:
   a let Japanese-Americans withdraw their money.
   b 'favouring the Japs'.
   c FBI agents.
   d not love.
   e a prison camp/huts.
   f a love letter from Ishmael.
20–21 Open answers
22 a US soldiers, including Ishmael, attack the Japanese.
   b In charge of the attack, and mistimes it.
   c The first soldier to die.
   d Ishmael's friend, who bleeds to death.
   e Dies from a shot in the head.
   f Loses an arm.
23–24 Open answers
25 a a piece of rope, belonging to Kabuo, found on Carl's boat
   b blood on the handle of Kabuo's gaff
   c the blood is not Kabuo's blood type, but is Carl's
   d Kabuo's skill at stick fighting
   e a difficulty between Kabuo and Carl about the land (but that might be solved)
26 a Judge Fielding to Art Moran, talking about a search of Kabuo's boat.
   b Art Moran to Kabuo, about the reason for his immediate arrest.
   c Kabuo to Sergeant Maples, about his habit of bowing before fighting.
   d Nels Gudmundsson to Susan Marie Heine, about the conversation between Carl and Kabuo concerning the land.
27 Open answers
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28 Possible answers:
   a The help of the coast guard.
   b Snow chains for his car.
   c The Imadas.
   d He lets Ishmael read the lighthouse records.
   e Radio messages sent by the Corona.
   f There is another reason for Carl’s death.
   g Because he has turned against the world.
   h By writing an article.

29–30 Open answers
31 a 3 b 2 c 4 d 1
32–33 Open answers
34 a The jurors leave the courtroom.
   b The power comes on again.
   c Ishmael shows Hatsue the shipping records.
   d Hatsue kisses Ishmael, as he leaves.
   e Hatsue goes to Mrs Chambers’s house to talk to Ishmael about the lamp.
   f Judge Fielding talks to the lawyers.
   g The jurors are released – there is no case against the accused man.

35–45 Open answers

Discussion activities key
1–35 Open answers

Activity worksheets key
1 a 5 b 3 c 6 d 1 e 4 f 2
2 a 2 b 1 c 2 d 2
3 a T
   b F American > Japanese
   c T
   d F always spoke openly > often hid his feelings
   e T

4 Possible answers:
   a It was illegal for a non-citizen to own land and another person also could not hold land for a non-citizen.
   b Kabuo was born in the United States, so he was a citizen but his father was not.
   c Open answer

5 a 3 b 5 c 1 d 6 e 2 f 4
6 a ✓ b ✓ c ✗ d ✓ e ✗
7 a 4 b 6 c 3 d 1 e 5 f 2
8 a 6 b 5 c 4 d 1 e 3 f 2
9 a 6 b 2 c 4 d 3 e 1 f 5
10 a T b F c F d T e F
11 a foggy b lamp c rope d battery e gaff
   f hand g land h lamp

Progress test key
1 a 2 b 5 c 3 d 4 e 1
2 a ✓ b ✗ c ✗ d ✓ e ✗
3 a German b lease c deposit d payments
   e war f money g stealing
4 a YES b NO c NO d NO e YES
5 a 3 b 1 c 5 d 4 e 7 f 2 g 6
6 a wife b at home c rare d bow e possible
7 a 3 b 6 c 1 d 8 e 2 f 4 g 5 h 7