Spotlight 8	Reading Task 8101

Read the texts. Match the titles to the book reviews. One title is extra.

1. WHY MOSQUITOES BUZZ IN PEOPLE'S EARS
2. THE DIARYOF AYOUNG GIRL
3. SADAKO AND A THOUSAND PAPER CRANES
4. THE BUTTER BATTLE BOOK
5. THE GREAT PEACE MARCH
6. THE BIG BOOK FOR PEACE

A. The Yooks and the Zooks live in neighboring communities divided by a wall and by a custom. The Yooks eat their bread with the butter side up and the Zooks eat their bread with the butter side down! This difference causes dislike, distrust, and finally hatred. With classic simplicity and wonderfully creative language, characters, and illustrations, Dr Seuss explains how small differences can grow into larger disagreements that, in turn, can escalate into potential destruction. This book makes its point clearly for all ages, and all ages will respond to its message and its cleverness.

B. The book addresses the many kinds of peace needed in today's world, as described on its jacket: "Peace among people living in different lands but also among next-door neighbours. Harmony among people of different races - and among sisters and brothers. Understanding among those separated by their beliefs - and those separated by generations." The book stresses the give and take of friendship, the avoidance of misunderstandings between individuals and groups, and peaceful avenues to bring about social change.

C. A "little lie" becomes a rumor that leads to panic, which results in accidental death and has shattering consequences for the whole earth. The animals in this jungle parable (притча) are called to a meeting, where each has a turn to explain his or her actions. By the end, it becomes clear that no one meant harm because the animals have the opportunity to hear different perspectives. But the mosquito who began the whole chain of events, hides from the meeting and never presents his case. His guilty conscience leads to his own punishment.

D. The 12-year-old Japanese girl became a heroine to children in Japan and throughout the world for her spirited fight against leukemia caused by atomic radiation after the bombing of Hiroshima. This story emphasises her spirit and courage as she tried to fold a thousand paper **cranes** (журавли) in the belief that this would bring her health. When the girl died before she could finish the task, the children in her class finished it for her. Making cranes has become an annual ritual throughout Japan and internationally, in order to remember the human cost of war and to stress the need for peace.

E. This remarkable work by a young teenage Jewish girl, written while hiding in Amsterdam from the occupying Nazi army, has had a dramatic effect since its first printing. The fact that we know that she died in a concentration camp makes this beautifully written, optimistic, and humanist work even more emotionally stirring. The Holocaust of World War II, as well as the millions of deaths caused by wars since then, provides the reason for students to solve the problem of violence. A Picture Book by Anne Frank helps the students understand why Anne was hiding, and what happened to her and millions, like her, once her family was captured.

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