**Literary Focus: Theme and Character**

1. How does Songsam’s discovery about the prisoner force him into a situation in which he may have to make some difficult decisions?
2. How is Songsam’s decision not to smoke related to his memory of the time Tokchae gave him chestnuts?
3. What do you think motivates Songsam to ask Tokache how many he has killed?
4. Why do you think Songsam turns his face away from Tokache?
5. Why did the boys set the bird free? Why might Songsam be remembering the incident?
6. What is Songsam’s real motivation for urging Tokahae to flush the crane?

**Reading Skills: Making Inferences**

7.) Why do you think Songsam offers to accompany the prisoner?

1. Why doesn’t he tell the other soldiers about his relationship to the prisoner?