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Reading Response for: When My Name was Keoko by Linda Sue Park

**Question** What historical event influences the life of the protagonist in your book? Use three details from your historical fiction novel to show how the life of the protagonist is affected by this historical event.  
(Benchmark: 7.3.3)

**RR** In the story, *When My Name was Keoko*, the protagonist is Sun Hee, and her life is influenced by the invasion and occupation of Korea by the Japanese in 1910-1945. The Japanese forced all the Koreans to learn the Japanese language and everyone had to change their Korean names to Japanese ones. That's how the protagonist, Sun Hee, got the name Keoko, which she was forced to use at all times. The teachers and everyone in power were Japanese and constantly reminded the Koreans of how superior the Japanese were and how inferior the Koreans were. This affected Sun Hee's life because she had to grow up denying her own culture and learned to read and write Korean in secret from members of her family. Sun Hee's family had to live cautiously all the time and her uncle had to go into hiding because he was printing an underground newspaper. This paper gave Koreans the real news instead of the propaganda that the Japanese reported in the newspapers. The family worried constantly about her uncle's safety and Sun Hee missed him greatly as she spent a lot of time with him in the store that he ran. Sun Hee's life would have been very different if the Japanese did not occupy Korea. This historical event caused Sun Hee to live in secrecy and oppression and cost the family the lives of their loved ones.

\_\_\_\_ 1) answers question clearly \_\_\_\_ 2) uses sufficient and specific evidence \_\_\_\_ 3) explains clearly how evidences supports answer  
+ exceeds/A= 4 pts. √ meets/B= 3 pts. \* approaches/C= 2 pts. 0 well below/D-F= <1 pts. **Total \_\_\_\_\_/4 pts.**