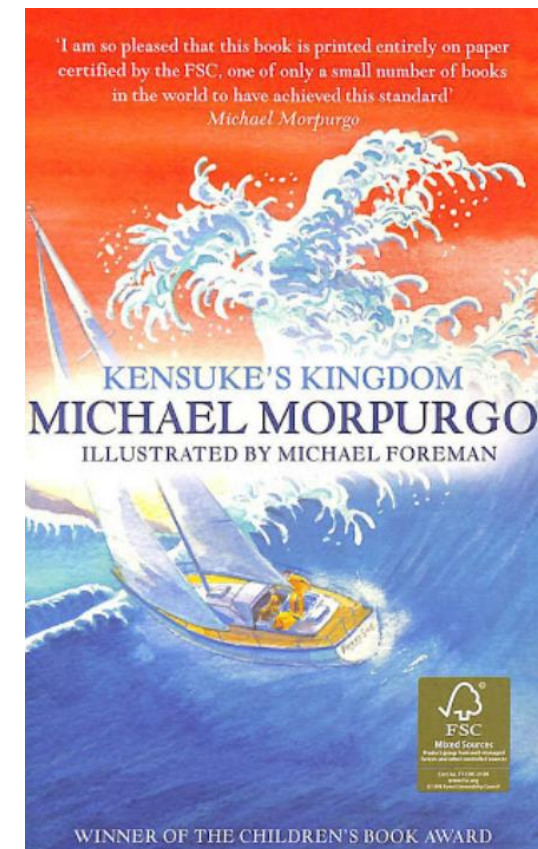
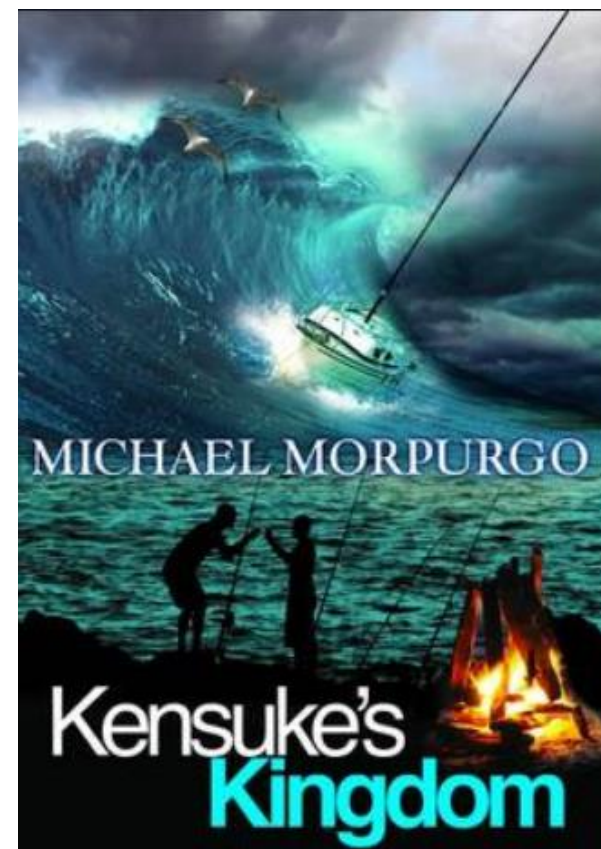


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# Starter:

## LIFE STORY

'Now I tell you everything, Micasan.' (Ch.8)



While they are fishing, Kensuke tells Michael all about his life in Japan and how he came to the island. Note down 5 important points that you remember about Kensuke's life.



# Everyone Dead in Nagasaki Extracts

"Now I tell you everything, Micasan," he said, "like I promise. I am old, but it is not long story. I am born in Japan, in Nagasaki. Very big town, by the sea. I grow up in this town. When I young man I study medicine in Tokyo. Soon I am Doctor, Doctor Kensuke Ogawa. I very proud person. I look after many mothers, many babies too. I first person many babies see in world. Then I go to London. I do studies in London, Guy's Hospital. You know this place?" I shook my head. "Of course I learn speak little English there. Afterwards I came back to Nagasaki. I have beautiful wife, Kimi. Then I have little son too, Michiya. I very happy person in those days. But soon war comes. All Japanese men are soldiers now, sailors maybe. I go to navy. I doctor on big warship."

A fish tugged on his line and took his bait, but not the hook. He went on as he rebaited his hook. "This war very long time ago now." I did know something of a war with Japan – I had seen it on films – but I knew very little about it. He shook his head. "Many die in this war. This war very terrible time. Many ships go down. Japanese army win many battles. Japanese navy win many battles. All Japanese very happy people. Like football, when you win you happy. When you lose, you sad. I go home often, I see my Kimi and my little Michiya in Nagasaki. He grow fast. Already big boy. We all very happy family."

"But war go on long time. Many Americans come, many ships, many planes, many bombs. Now war is not so good for Japan. We fight, but now we lose. Very bad time. We are in big sea battle. American planes come. My ship is bombed. There is fire and smoke. Black smoke. Many men burned. Many men dead. Many jump off ship into sea. But I stay. I am doctor, I stay with my patients. Planes come again. Many more bombs. I think I am dead person this time for sure. But I am not. I look all round ship. All patients dead. All sailors dead. I am only person alive on ship, but engine is still going. Ship moving on her own. She go now where she want to go. I cannot turn wheel. I can do nothing. But I listen to radio. Americans say on radio, big

bomb fall on Nagasaki, atomic bomb. Many dead. I very sad person. I think Kimi dead, Michiya dead. My mother live there too, all my family. I think they all dead.

"Soon radio say Japan surrender. I so sad I want to die." He fished in silence for a while before he began again. "Soon engine stop, but ship not go down. Big wind come, big storm. I think I die for sure now. But sea take ship and bring me here on this island. Ship come on to beach, and still I am not dead."

"Very soon I find food. I find water also. I live like beggar man for long while. Inside I feel bad person. I think, all my friends dead, all my family dead, and I alive. I not want to live. But soon I meet orang-utans. They very kind to me. This very beautiful, very peaceful place. No war here, no bad people. I say to myself, Kensuke, you very lucky person to be alive. Maybe you stay here.

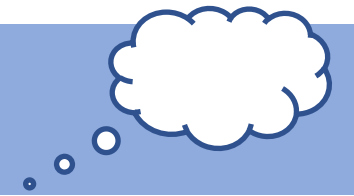
"I take many things from ship, I take food, I take clothes, sheets. I take pots. I take bottles. I take knife. I take binoculars. I take medicine. I find many things, many tools also. I take everything I find. When Kensuke finish, not much left on ship, I tell you. I find cave. I hide all things in cave. Soon terrible storm come, and ship go on rocks. Very soon she go down.

"One day American soldiers come. I hide. I not want to surrender, not honourable thing to do. I very afraid too. I hide in forest with orang-utans. Americans make fire on beach. They laugh in the night. I listen. I hear them. They say everyone dead in Nagasaki. They very happy about this. They laugh. I very sure now I stay on this island. Why go home? Soon Americans, they go away. My ship under water by now. They not find it. My ship still here. Under sand now, part of island now."

By the time we made for home that evening with three huge fish in the bottom of the boat – tuna I think they were – his story was almost finished. He talked on as he rowed. "After Americans, no more men come to my island. I alone here many years. I not forget Kimi. I not forget Michiya. But I live. Then year ago, maybe, they come. Very bad people, killer men. They have guns. They hunt. They shoot. I sing to my orang-utans. They come to me when I sing. They are very frightened. They come all in my cave. We hide. Killer men not find us. But in forest they shoot – you told me name – gibbon monkeys. They shoot mothers. They take

babies. Why must they do this? I very angry. I think, all people killer people. I hate all people, I think. I not want see people again.

# Recap: Everyone Dead in Nagasaki



Use the previous page extract to think about the answers to the following questions:

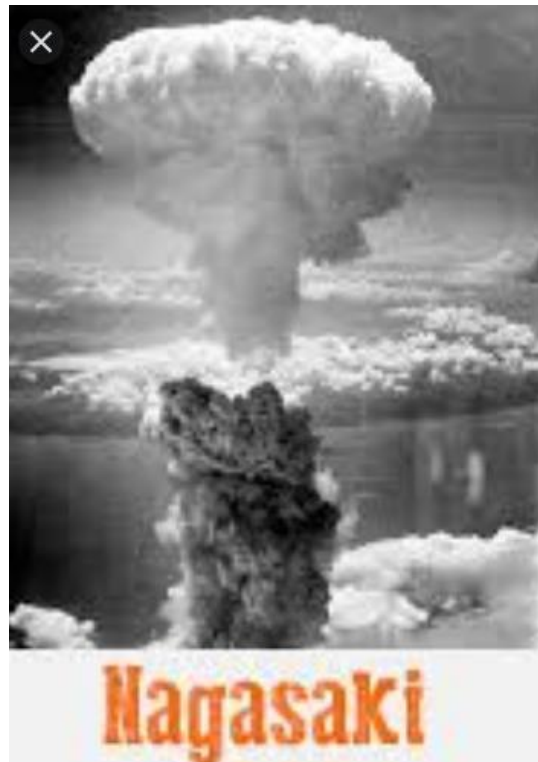
- Where was Kensuke born?
- What job did Kensuke do?
- Where did he learn English?
- What was Kensuke's wife's name?
- What was Kensuke's son called?
- What happened to Kensuke's family in Nagasaki?
- How did Kensuke end up on the island alone?



# What happened in Nagasaki?

The United States detonated two nuclear weapons over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945, respectively, with the consent of the United Kingdom, as required by The Quebec Agreement.

"Fat Man" was the codename for the nuclear bomb that was detonated over the Japanese city of Nagasaki by the United States on 9 August 1945. It was the second of the only two nuclear weapons ever used in warfare, the first being Little Boy, and its detonation marked the third nuclear explosion in history



# Task:

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Click the above link to read about the Nagasaki bombing during World War 2 and see more images of the destruction left behind.

Then complete the following questions on the worksheet.

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Question	Answer
1. What does Kensuke believe has happened to his wife and son? Why?	
2. Do you agree with Kensuke's thoughts (worst nightmare) about his family? Why?	
3. How do you think Kensuke feels about losing his family?	
4. Why does Kensuke not like people? What does he believe about people?	
5. Why did Kensuke decide to stay on the island alone?	
6. Do you think Kensuke will have any regrets in his life? Why?	
7. If you were Kensuke, would you change anything about your life?	
8. What advice would you give Kensuke if you were Michael?	

# Plenary:



Michael is already great at fishing.

Can you list 3 new life skills he has learnt since being on the island?

(These could have been self taught or Kensuke could have taught him).

