

## **Nanea – Hula for the Home Front**

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1) Who was your favorite character and why? What was your favorite scene in the book?
- 2) In the first chapter Nanea is thinking about her friend Donna a lot. Why?
- 3) In what other ways has the war changed life on the Island?
- 4) How does Nanea feel when she doesn't get the job of war stamps monitor?
- 5) Why did Miss Smith give the war stamps monitor job to Dixie?
- 6) Nanea's dog, Mele has a special skill? What is it and why is it so special?
- 7) What is the Aloha Spirit?
- 8) What are some examples of the character's in the book sharing Aloha Spirit?
- 9) Can you think of a time when you and your family and/or friends had the Aloha Spirit?
- 10) Have you ever visited Hawaii? If not, what would you want to see/do if you went to Hawaii?

## Nanea: Hula for the Home Front Craft: Hula Grass Skirts

### Supplies:

green plastic tablecloth

scissors

Glue (optional)

velcro – self-adhesive

flower stickers

1. Fold your tablecloth horizontally.

With the fold at the top, now fold it vertically a few times until you about 5-6 inches to work with. It is VERY important not to cut the fold.

2. Cut 1-2 inch strips into the tablecloth, stopping 4-5 inches from the top fold line.



Continue cutting until you've cut all along the folds vertically across.

3. Open up your cut tablecloth. You will need to decide how wide to make your skirt. You may be able to fold the skirt in half, making a second row of 2 strips. If your waist is between 27 inches and 54 inches, you can just cut off the extra. Whichever way works best for you, when you wrap it around you, make sure it overlaps an inch or two so you have room for the Velcro.

4. Once you have your size determined, add a line of glue to the top of the uncut skirt. After adding your line of glue, fold it over to make a thicker edge for the top.



5. Glue the sides of the folded over edge as well (optional).



6. Add a strip of self-adhesive Velcro to each side of the skirt at the back to help secure it around your waist. Tip: to get your Velcro to line up, put both scratchy tabs on one side of the skirt. Then put the soft tabs directly on top of the scratchy tabs, leaving the sticky side exposed. Then wrap your skirt around how you want to wear it and the glue side will attach to the other end of your skirt band.



7. Add flowers to the center front of the grass skirts.



## Nanea: Growing Up with Aloha Discussion Questions

Who is your favorite character? What was your favorite scene?

1. Why does Nanea feel like everyone treats her like a baby? Where do Tutu and Tutu Kane work? What do the other members of Nanea's family do?
2. What does Tutu teach? What show are they preparing for at the beginning of the book?
3. What is Boat Day? What do people do during it?
4. What happens with Mele on Thanksgiving? Whose fault is it and why?
5. How does Nanea plan to make up for Thanksgiving? What ends up happening instead?
6. Where do David & Papa go after the attack? How do they help?
7. What happens to Lily's dad after the attack? Why? Can you think of ways that people still make assumptions based on what people look like or where they are from?
8. What is martial law? What kind of rules happened because of martial law?
9. Why did Donna have to leave the island? What kinds of things did Nanea have them do to prove she was essential?
10. Did you learn any true facts about Hawaii or WWII?

## **Nanea: Growing Up with Aloha**

### **Craft: Hawaiian Lei**

1. Color all the flowers any color you would like. I suggest also coloring the backs, but you don't have to. (If you are doing this craft outside of the JCL book club, you will need 3 sheets of flowers on white cardstock and 3 sheets of leaves on green cardstock. See partnering Growing Up with Aloha PDF.)
2. Cut out all the flowers and leaves.
3. Use the skewer (looks like a large toothpick) to poke holes in the center of each flower and leaf. You might have to wiggle the skewer around to get the hole big enough. Set your flowers and leaves to the side.
4. Each straw is 9 inches long. Take one straw and cut it in half. Take that half straw and cut it into thirds. Then take the other half and cut it into thirds. (These do not need to be exact, but you will need to get 6 pieces from each straw.) Repeat with the other straws. When you are done you should have 24 pieces of straw, each about 1.5 inches.
5. Using the pattern "flower, leaf, straw" - thread them onto the yarn.
6. When you have all the pieces on that you want, tie the yarn completing the circle like a necklace.
7. Slip your lei over your head and enjoy!

FLOWER LEI (MEDIUM)



