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Text Dependent Questions for “Kira-Kira” by Cynthia Kadohata

1. Katie “used kira-kira to describe everything [she] liked.” What does the list of things she liked say about how she vies the world?
2. Katie’s mother vowed to “send us to Japan one day.” and Katie doesn’t care “so long as Lynn came along.” Compare and contrast what Katie and her mother value.
3. Katie thinks that “Lynn was the bravest girl in the world. She was also a genius.” Explain how the author’s use of hyperbole reveals how Katie views her sister, Lynn.
4. Describe Lynn and Katie’s parents’ view of American institutions, specifically “the bank”.
5. Describe the family’s experience and their reaction to segregation in America: “COLORED IN BACK.”