

# Responding to Testimonies

*Testimonies from the victims of Japanese military sexual slavery are available in this book on pp. 102–121. These questions are adapted from Christina Tang’s lesson plan, “Everybody Has a Name.”*



1. How did these women and girls become military sex slaves?
2. How old were they when they were forced to become “comfort women”?
3. What were their experiences like?
4. What were some aspects of the “comfort women” experience that two or more women had in common?
5. What happened to the women and girls at the end of WWII?
6. How did these women and girls resist the tragic reality of the “comfort stations” and later when they were abandoned after the war? Why did some surviving victims decide not to return home?
7. How did being “comfort women” affect the rest of these women’s lives?
8. Why do you think it took them decades to break their silence?
9. What are some of their demands from the Japanese government?
10. How did you react to these biographies and testimonies? What shocked you most? Can you make any connections to other events in history?
11. What role did gender, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic class play in these women’s and girls’ experiences?

