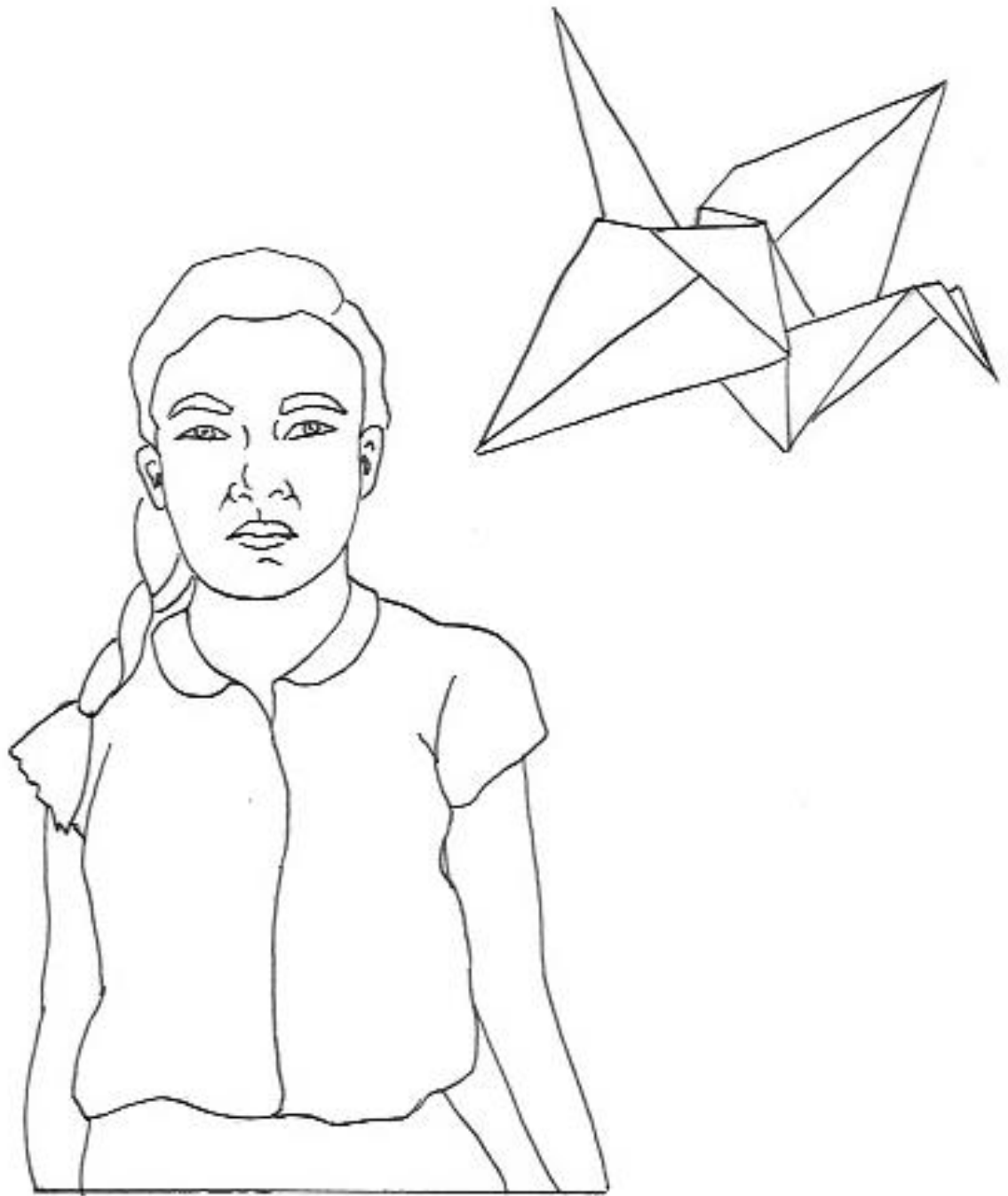


# SADAKO SASAKI



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## Women of Peace – Sadako Sasaki Fact Sheet

Sadako was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 1943 in Japan. She was 2 years old when two atomic nuclear bombs were dropped on the cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan by the United States of America. These bombs were very dangerous and had radioactive poison in them. The bombs killed many people straight away. They also had a lasting effect on people becoming ill with cancers and other diseases in the years after the bombings.

Sadako lived close to where one of the bombs exploded and luckily she was unhurt.

She grew up and went to school. She was a great runner, winning prizes for her school.

When she was 11 years old, she started to become sick. She had a cancer called Leukaemia. This was because of the radiation from the atomic bombs. Sadako was taken to hospital.

While she was in hospital her father told her a Japanese story about folding paper to look like a crane bird. In Japan folding paper to make it look like a shape is called Origami. The story is that if someone folds one thousand paper cranes, they would be granted a wish. Sadako's wish was to get better and live a long happy life.

Her wish was sadly not granted. Even though her brother said she made over one thousand cranes, she still died at the age of 12.

But her story lives on. Sadako's friends raised enough money to build a statue of her holding a paper crane. This statue is to remember Sadako and all the other children who died because of the atomic bombs. The words underneath the statue say 'This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world'.

She has become a symbol of peace and inspired many other peacemakers. Origami paper cranes are still made today to remember the innocent lives that have been lost because of nuclear weapons.

## Word Search

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Answer the questions to find the words you search for.

1. What country was Sadako from?
2. What were the two cities called where the atom bombs were dropped?
3. What was she good at, at school?
4. How old was she when she died?
5. What animal did she make from paper?
6. What is paper folding called in Japan?
7. Fill in the blanks. 'This is our \_\_\_\_\_. This is our \_\_\_\_\_. Peace in the \_\_\_\_\_.'



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