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# Family Times

## Summary

### **Passage To Freedom**

The family of a Japanese diplomat living in Lithuania in 1940 is confronted by Jewish refugees asking for Japanese visas to escape the German Nazis. Without his country's permission, the diplomat issues thousands of the visas. Even today, years after his death, Japanese and Jewish families alike honor Mr. Sugihara for his bravery.



### **Activity**

**Adventure Visa** With a family member, make your own passport from a few sheets of folded paper. Design an official-looking seal on the cover, and then draw a variety of colorful visas in your passport that represent all the countries you have visited on an imagined adventure.

## Comprehension Skill

### **Author's Purpose**

An **author's purpose** is the reason why the author writes a story. Authors may write to persuade, inform, entertain, or express ideas or feelings.

### **Activity**

**Tag-Team Story** With a family member, take turns making up a story about your family. You start it, then the other person continues it for a while, and so on. When the story is finished, try to figure out the authors' purpose in your story. Is there more than one? How do you know?