**Tsunami- April 1, 1946**

The Tsunami Quilt, Antony D. Fredrick’s, Sleeping Bear Press, 2007

Fictional characters in a documented historical event.

The story is in first person point of view through the eyes of young kimo, a young boy who lives in Hawaii with his grandparents and parents in 1946.

At the beginning of the story kimo, is curios of why his was sad. As the story went on grandpa had a heart attack. After grandpa past away, kimo’s dad told him why grandpa was quiet on April 1st. It was because grandpa’s little brother got swept in away in a Tsunami that when he was younger. They built a memorial in honor of the people who died in the Tsunami.

Kimo is curios, emotional, and caring. He is curios because he wanted to know why his grandpa was sad. He is emotional because he cried when his grandpa died. Kimo is caring because he cared about his grandfather when he died.

The story would be told different if told from grandpa’s point of view. Three examples, one the lampahoehoe story would be more detailed by having more information on Lampahoehoe because grandpa is telling it. Two, we would have learned more about the monument. Three, the story would have been more detailed about the tsunami. The part about the Tsunami Quilt would have had a little more detail.

The author uses grandpa’s interactions to help the reader understand how Tsunami, Lampahoehoe was a dangerous tsunami. Grandpa doesn’t want to tell the tsunami story because his brother died in the tsunami. Another way the author uses the character interactions is to show how Kimo lives in Hawaii and they swim and fish for fun. They do not play video games for fun like we do.

Historical facts from the story:

1: Tsunami hit Hawaii on April 1, 1946 and swept away 24 victims.

2: A quilt was made for the 24 victims that got swept away.

Historical facts from the author’s note:

1: A big earthquake struck in the Aleution Island in the north pacific and generated a tsunami that hit Hawaii on April 1st, 1946.

2: After the tsunami at the school site, they created a monument and a quilt to honor the kids and teachers that died in the tsunami.