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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Number the Stars

Author:

Lois Lowry

Date Started:

Date Finished:

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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

Chapter 5: When the soldiers come to the Johansens' apartment at night, how do Annemarie and her parents help protect Ellen? Which action do you think is the bravest?

Example answer: I think Annemarie and her parents protect Ellen by pretending she is part of their family. Annemarie yanks off Ellen's Star of David necklace so the soldiers will not see it. Papa also uses the baby pictures to make the soldiers believe Ellen is Lise. I think Annemarie's action is the bravest because she has to think quickly even though she is terrified.

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 9: Uncle Henrik tells Annemarie it is easier to be brave if you do not know everything. Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

Example answer: I partly agree with Uncle Henrik because knowing every danger might make a person too scared to act. Annemarie can help more when she only knows what she needs to know. However, I also think it can be hard when adults keep secrets, because Annemarie feels confused and worried. In this chapter, I think Uncle Henrik is trying to protect her and help her be brave.

Chapter 16: Uncle Henrik explains the secret plan and the special handkerchief. How does this new information change your understanding of earlier events in the story?

Example answer: This information helps me understand why the packet was so important. Before, I knew Annemarie had to deliver it, but I did not know it could keep the people hidden from the dogs. Now the trip through the woods seems even more dangerous and important. It also shows that many people worked together in a clever way to save the Rosens and the other Jewish families.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: How do Annemarie, Ellen, and Kirsti react when the soldiers stop them on the street? What do their reactions show about each girl?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Chapter 17: At the end of the book, Annemarie learns more about Lise, Peter, and the Resistance. What message do you think the author wants readers to remember about courage and friendship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: Annemarie thinks about King Christian X and the story of the bodyguard. What does this chapter help you understand about how the Danish people feel about their king and their country?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Mrs. Hirsch's button shop is suddenly closed. What clues show that something serious has happened, and how do the adults try to protect the children?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Chapter 16: Uncle Henrik explains the secret plan and the special handkerchief. How does this new information change your understanding of earlier events in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Chapter 15: The soldiers and their dogs stop Annemarie on the path. How does Annemarie use Kirsti's behavior as a model, and why does acting like a silly little girl help her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: Why do the Rosens need Ellen to stay with Annemarie's family? How does the mood of the chapter change from the beginning to the end?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: When the soldiers come to the Johansens' apartment at night, how do Annemarie and her parents help protect Ellen? Which action do you think is the bravest?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: As Annemarie walks through the woods, she remembers the story of Little Red Riding Hood. How does that fairy tale connect to what is happening to her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Chapter 13: Annemarie must take the important packet to Uncle Henrik. What challenges does she face, and how does she begin to act more like a grown-up?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Papa speaks in code on the telephone to Uncle Henrik. What do you think some of the code words mean, and why is it important that he does not say the real message?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: How is Uncle Henrik's house by the sea different from Copenhagen? How might this setting help Annemarie, Ellen, and the others feel both safer and more worried?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: Mama has not returned from taking the Rosens to the boat. What do Annemarie and the reader learn when Annemarie looks outside, and how does this create suspense?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: The word 'contempt' means a feeling that someone or something is not worthy of respect. How does Peter show contempt for the soldiers, and why might that be risky?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: The adults say there has been a death, but Annemarie has never heard of Great-aunt Birte. What do you predict is really happening, and what details support your prediction?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Uncle Henrik tells Annemarie it is easier to be brave if you do not know everything. Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: During the fake funeral, the soldiers demand that the casket be opened. How do Mama and Peter handle this dangerous moment, and what does it show about them?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
