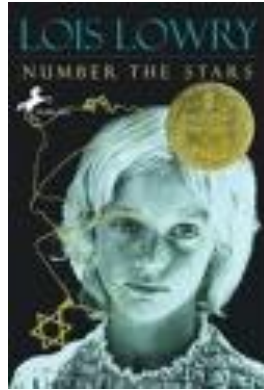


Number the Stars

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Novel Study

Name _____

Mrs. Geiman's Reading Class

Chapter One: Why Are You Running?

Inferential Questions

1. Why isn't Kirsti afraid of the soldiers?

Opinion Questions

1. Why do you think the "Free Danes" newspaper was important in Denmark during the war years?
2. How would you feel if you were stopped by the German soldiers? Why?

Chapter Two: Who is the Man That Rides Past?

Inferential Questions

1. How was King Christian different than other kings?
2. Why didn't the Danish army fight the Germans when they invaded Denmark?

Opinion Questions

1. Do you think King Christian did the right thing by surrendering to the Nazis?
2. Annemarie believes that ordinary people, like her, don't have to be brave. Do you agree or disagree with her? Explain.

Chapter Three: Where is Mrs. Hirsch?

Inferential Questions

1. What happened to Mrs. Hirsch?

2. Why did the girls always take a different route to school?
3. Explain the following sentence from p. 25 of the novel:
“All of Denmark must be bodyguards for the Jews...” Annemarie said.

Opinion Questions

1. Do you think the Jews were being treated fairly by the Germans? Why or why not?

Chapter Four: It Will Be a Long Night

Inferential Questions

1. Why was the Tivoli Gardens important to the Danes of Copenhagen?
2. Why would Annemarie and Ellen need to pretend that they are sisters?

Opinion Questions

1. Why do you think Annemarie lied when she said the shoes looked nice?
2. Do you think it was a good idea for the Johansens to let Ellen stay with them? Explain your answer.

Chapter Five: Who is the Dark-Haired One?

Inferential Questions

1. Why was it important that Ellen remove her Star of David necklace?
2. Why had Mr. and Mrs. Johansen not looked at Lise's things since the accident?

Opinion Questions

1. What do you think would have happened to the Johansens if Ellen's true identity had been discovered? Why do you think that?

Chapter Six: Is the Weather Good for Fishing?

Inferential Questions

1. Why was Annemarie worried when the soldiers questioned them on the train?
2. Why did they travel to Uncle Henrik's house?

Opinion Questions

1. Why do you think the Danes spoke in code words?

Chapter Seven: The House by the Sea

Inferential Questions

1. What does the sea represent for Ellen and her family?
2. Why did Mrs. Johansen ask the girls if they saw anyone while playing near the shore?

Opinion Questions

1. Why do you think there was no laughing between Mrs. Johansen and her brother as they sat down to talk?

Chapter Eight: There Has Been a Death

Inferential Questions

1. Why is Annemarie so delighted to have oatmeal, milk, cream, and butter at breakfast?
2. What did Uncle Henrik mean when he said, "Tomorrow will be a good day for fishing"?

Opinion Questions

1. Why, when his sister and his nieces were visiting, would Uncle Henrik spend the whole night on his boat?

Chapter Nine: Why Are You Lying?

Inferential Questions

1. Why did Ellen make a sharp cry when she went outside with Henrik?
2. Why didn't Annemarie tell Ellen the truth about Aunt Birte?
3. Why was Kirsti sent to bed before Aunt Birte's funeral?

Opinion Questions

1. Who do you think the people arriving for the funeral really are?
2. Why did Mrs. Johansen and Uncle Henrik create the "death of an Aunt Birte"?

Chapter Ten: Let Us Open the Casket

Inferential Questions

1. Why was Peter's reading from the Bible so important?
2. Why did Ellen not smile when she looked at Annemarie during the fake funeral?

Opinion Questions

1. What do you think would have happened if the German soldiers discovered the truth about the funeral? Why?
2. What do you think is really in the casket? Why?

Chapter Eleven: Will We See You Again Soon, Peter?

Inferential Questions

1. What did Peter give the baby and why?
2. What was the purpose of Aunt Birte's funeral?

Opinion Questions

1. Why didn't Mr. Rosen ask what was in the package that Peter gave him to take to Uncle Henrik?
2. What is in that package?

Chapter Twelve: Where Was Mama?

Inferential Questions

1. Explain the following thoughts of Annemarie, “It was harder for the ones who were waiting, Annemarie knew. Less dangerous, perhaps, but more fear.”

Opinion Questions

1. What do you think happened to Mrs. Johansen on the way back from Uncle Henrik’s boat? Why?
2. Do you think that Annemarie and Ellen will see each other again? Why?

Chapter Thirteen: Run! As Fast As You Can!

Inferential Questions

1. Why did Mrs. Johansen tell Annemarie to act like a silly little girl if she were stopped?

Opinion Questions

1. What do you think Mrs. Johansen meant when she said that “it may all have been for nothing” when she spotted the parcel?
2. Why do you think Mrs. Johansen didn’t tell Annemarie what she was really carrying to Uncle Henrik on the boat?

Chapter Fourteen: On the Dark Path

Inferential Questions

1. Why did Annemarie choose this particular fairy tale?

2. Why did Annemarie have to be brave when she met the soldiers?

Opinion Questions

1. How would you have reacted to meeting the German soldiers?

Chapter Fifteen: My Dog Smells Meat

Inferential Questions

1. Why did Annemarie behave like Kirsti when she was stopped by the German soldiers?
2. Why was it good that Annemarie did not know what was in the packet?

Opinion Questions

1. Why do you think the German soldiers stopped Annemarie?
2. Why do you think the contents of the packet were so important?

Chapter Sixteen: I Will Tell You Just a Little

Inferential Questions

1. What would have happened if Annemarie had not gotten the handkerchief to Uncle Henrik?

Opinion Questions

1. What do you think life will be like in Sweden for the Rosens? Why?

Chapter Seventeen: All This Long Time

Inferential Questions

1. What does Annemarie wearing Ellen's necklace show?

Opinion Questions

1. What do you think the Rosens will do now that the war is over?