

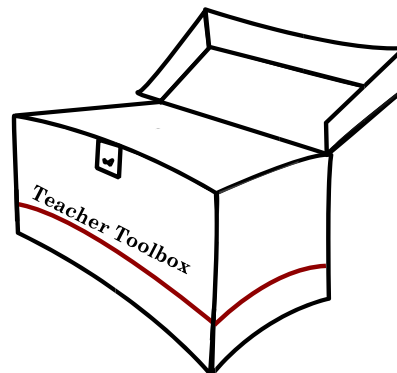
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## Directions

You may wish to begin by showing students a map of World War II Europe. You can then have a class discussion about the distance and dangers of travel at that time. Students may read together or independently; then answer the comprehension questions. There is also a vocabulary glossary with worksheets, crossword puzzles, and word searches to use as needed. The crosswords also come with word banks, but look very similar to the materials, to allow for differentiation as needed.

## Teacher Toolbox

The teacher toolbox shows which pages are for teacher use, you will not want to make student copies of those pages.



## Discussion Guide

## THE ENEMY ABOVE

by Michael P.  
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### About the Book:

The Enemy Above is coming from Scholastic in July. This is a fictional retelling of the historical events of Ukrainian peasants in World War II. It has a great deal of World War II and Western Europe history included in this story.

The Germans are closing in. Twelve-year-old Anton knows his family can't outrun them. A web of underground caves seems like the perfect place to hide, but danger lurks above the surface. Ruthless Major Karl Von Duesen of the Gestapo has made it his mission to round up every Jew in the Ukrainian countryside. Anton knows if his community is discovered, they will be sent off to work camps...or worse.

When a surprise invasion catches them off guard, Anton makes a radical decision. He won't run any longer. And he won't hide. He will stop being the hunted...and start doing some hunting of his own.



## Pre-Reading Activities

This story takes place in July 1945. Please review this website for a review of American History. <http://americasbesthistory.com/abhtimeline1940.html>

### Pre-reading Discussion:

Engage the class in a discussion about historical fiction. Why is setting and character so important in historical fiction? How would characters from a historical fiction novel be different from other forms of fiction, for example science fiction or fantasy? Do you think their dialog would be similar or different? How so? Does this mean that everything that happens in historical fiction is real?

What do you know about World War II? What do you already know about the Holocaust? Did you realize how wide spread this was across Europe, not just Germany, France, and Holland, the home of Anne Frank?



## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 1:

The book says, “Pavel would keep his head down, shoveling potatoes and bread into his mouth. That was all they had to eat anymore. Oftentimes there wasn’t even any bread.”

Why do you think they eat so many potatoes? What does that tell you about the area of the Ukraine they live in? What would it be like for you to have only bread and potatoes to eat for days at a time?

If Papa comes home, how do you think he will find Anton?

Do people still die from fevers, like Anton’s mother did when he was a baby?

### Chapter 2:

Why do the Germans feel vulnerable?

Why is Von Duesen so sure there are people nearby?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 1-2

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) How long ago did Papa leave? \_\_\_\_\_

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2) What does “thumping the walking stick” mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) What does Pavel have to eat? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) What does Hilter want the Ukraine for? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) Where are Bubbe and Anton supposed to meet the others?

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6) What does *Judenfrei* mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) How long had Borschiv been claimed by Poland, Austria and Russia \_\_\_\_\_

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8) Who wants to become the youngest lieutenant colonel in the gestapo? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

9) What did the Jews want to fail?

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10) What do observant Jews remove when they don't intend to return? \_\_\_\_\_

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11) What does Von Duesen wish he had brought with him? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Key



### Chapter 1-2

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) How long ago did Papa leave? Papa left three years ago.

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\_\_\_\_\_

2) What does “thumping the walking stick” mean? It means she’s serious.

**Pay attention.**

\_\_\_\_\_

3) What does Pavel have to eat? Pavel is eating potatoes and bread.

\_\_\_\_\_

4) What does Hilter want the Ukraine for? He wants the Ukraine to feed his massive army.

\_\_\_\_\_

5) Where are Bubbe and Anton supposed to meet the others? Bubbe and Anton are supposed to meet the others at the crossroads.

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6) What does *Judenfrei* mean? Judenfrei means free of Jews.

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7) How long had Borschiv been claimed by Poland, Austria and Russia \_\_\_\_\_



Borschiv had been claimed by Poland, Austria and Russia for 50 years.

8) Who wants to become the youngest lieutenant colonel in the gestapo? \_\_\_\_\_

Major Von Duesen wants to become the youngest lieutenant colonel in the gestapo.

Key



**Directions:** Answer the questions.

9) What did the Jews want to fail? \_\_\_\_\_ The Jews wanted the Blitzkrieg to fail.

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\_\_\_\_\_

10) What do observant Jews remove when they don't intend to return? \_\_\_\_\_

Observant Jews remove the Mezuzah when they don't intend to return.

11) What does Von Duesen wish he had brought with him? \_\_\_\_\_

Von Duesen wishes he had brought the dogs with him.

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 1-2 Complete the Sentence**

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

- 1) Papa had left their village in the \_\_\_\_\_ to join the Polish army \_\_\_\_\_ years ago.
- 2) When Bubbe thumped the \_\_\_\_\_ she was serious. It meant “pay attention.”
- 3) Pavel shoveled \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ into his mouth.
- 4) Hitler wants our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to feed his massive army.
- 5) Bubbe and Anton will meet others at the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ was the German word meaning “free of Jews.”
- 7) Borshchiv had been claimed by Poland, Austria, and Russia in the last \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- 8) Major Karl Von Duesen might be given another promotion, which would make him the youngest lieutenant colonel in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) Many Jews in the area believed the \_\_\_\_\_ would fail.
- 10) Observant Jews remove the \_\_\_\_\_ when they do not intend to return anytime soon.

11) Von Duesen thought he should have brought the \_\_\_\_\_.

potatoes walking-stick Judenfrei Mezuzah dogs Ukraine  
crossroads fields blitzkrieg gestapo 50 bread 3 farms



## Key

### Chapter 1-2 Complete the Sentence

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1) Papa had left their village in the Ukraine to join the Polish army 3 years ago.

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7) Borshchiv had been claimed by Poland, Austria, and Russia in the last 50 years.

8) Major Karl Von Duesen might be given another promotion., which would make

him the youngest lieutenant colonel in the gestapo. 9)

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## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 3:

“Silence was life. Stillness was freedom.” How was silence life, and stillness freedom?

Why does Anton feel as though the sound was cutting through him? Why do sounds seem so loud to him?

Why does Anton keep looking over his shoulder?

What does your instinct help you with?

### Chapter 4:

Why is the Ukraine so important to the Germans?

From what kind of family did Karl come? How is this similar to Anton? How is this different from Anton?

What is the difference between being smart and being cunning? What was the fuhrer's master race?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 3-4**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What do Bubbe and Anton cover themselves with? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) What told Anton to remain still? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3) How does Bubbe know the Germans will not return? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4) What will be the fuel which drives the Reich? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5) What group knew the fuhrer's master plan? \_\_\_\_\_

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6) What city was the German army retreating from? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) What other countries are going to try to retake Europe?

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8) What had Adolph Hitler done for the German people? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Key



#### Chapter 3-4

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What do Bubbe and Anton cover themselves with? \_\_\_\_\_ **Bubbe and Anton**

**cover themselves with dirt.** \_\_\_\_\_

2) What told Anton to remain still? \_\_\_\_\_ **Instinct told Anton to remain still.**

3) How does Bubbe know the Germans will not return? \_\_\_\_\_ **Bubbe heard and**

**understood their German.** \_\_\_\_\_

4) What will be the fuel which drives the Reich? \_\_\_\_\_ **Farming will be the fuel**

**which drives the Reich.** \_\_\_\_\_

5) What group knew the fuhrer's master plan? The gestapo knew the fuhrer's

master plan.

6) What city was the German army retreating from? The German army is

retreating from Stalingrad.

7) What other countries are going to try to retake Europe? The Americans

and British are going to try to retake Europe.

8) What had Adolph Hitler done for the German people? Hitler restored the

pride of the German people after their loss in World War I.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 3-4 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) Bubbe, cover yourself with \_\_\_\_\_ .

2) \_\_\_\_\_ told him to remain still.

3) Bubbe knows they will not return because her \_\_\_\_\_ is better than Anton's.

4) The farming is excellent. This may be the \_\_\_\_\_ that drives the \_\_\_\_\_ to conquer all of \_\_\_\_\_ .

- 5) The \_\_\_\_\_ knew the fuhrer's master plan.
- 6) When the \_\_\_\_\_ army is crushed, we will control the entire continent.
- 7) The German army was retreating after vicious fighting in the city of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were not ready to attempt to retake Europe.
- 9) Adolph Hitler had restored the \_\_\_\_\_ of the German people after the humiliating defeat of \_\_\_\_\_.

Stalingrad    Europe    British    German    Americans    dirt    fuel  
 World War I    instinct    gestapo    Reich    Russian    pride

### Key



#### Chapter 3-4 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

- 1) Bubbe, cover yourself with dirt.
- 2) Instinct told him to remain still.
- 3) Bubbe knows they will not return because her German is better than Anton's.
- 4) The farming is excellent. This may be the fuel that drives



the Reich to conquer all of Europe.

5) The gestapo knew the fuhrer's master plan.

6) When the Russian army is crushed, we will control the entire continent.

7) The German army was retreating after vicious fighting in the city of Stalingrad.

8) The Americans and British were not ready to attempt to retake Europe.

9) Adolph Hitler had restored the pride of the German people after the humiliating defeat of World War I.

Stalingrad Europe British German Americans dirt fuel

World War I instinct gestapo Reich Russian pride



## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 5:

Why does Anton continue to guide Bubbe? Why do you think the author chose the word guide?

Why do Bubbe and Anton know the actual location of the hiding place?

What made crossing open ground so dangerous?

Why did the collaborators turn in the Jews?

Where did Pavel go?

Why do they think they cannot outrun the German army?

**Chapter 6:**

Upon her arrival in the cave, why does Bubbe seem to take over and begin to organize?

How can they be stronger united than alone?

**Chapter 5-6**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

1) What can Bubbe and Anton not reveal? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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2) Who was everywhere? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) What do newspapers use? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) What happened to Anton's grandmother? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) What does Bubbe hope for? \_\_\_\_\_

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6) What is both a blessing and a curse? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapter 5-6**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

7) How many people are in the group in the cave?

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8) Where is Daniel's father?

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

9) What has to be carried into the cave? \_\_\_\_\_

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10) What should you do in an ambush? \_\_\_\_\_

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11) What must Daniel have to survive the war? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter 5-6

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

### Key



1) What can Bubbe and Anton not reveal? Why? \_\_\_\_\_ **They cannot reveal the location they are going because they do not know what the location is.**

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\_\_\_\_\_

2) Who was everywhere? \_\_\_\_\_ **Collaborators were everywhere.**

\_\_\_\_\_

3) What do newspapers use? Why? \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspapers use rumors to frighten people and sell more newspapers.**

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4) What happened to Anton's grandmother? \_\_\_\_\_ **Anton's grandmother, Ruth died during the pogroms.**

\_\_\_\_\_

5) What does Bubbe hope for? \_\_\_\_\_ **Bubbe hopes for a day Anton can live as a Jew without fear.**

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## Chapter 5-6

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

6) What is both a blessing and a curse? \_\_\_\_\_ **Moonless nights are both a blessing and a curse.** \_\_\_\_\_ 7)

How many people are in the group in the cave? \_\_\_\_\_ **There were 28 in the cave including 6 men.** \_\_\_\_\_

8) Where is Daniel's father? \_\_\_\_\_ **Daniel's father is in the army.**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Key



9) What has to be carried into the cave? \_\_\_\_\_ **Water must be carried into the cave.** \_\_\_\_\_

10) What should you do in an ambush? \_\_\_\_\_ **In an ambush you should scatter and hide.** \_\_\_\_\_

11) What must Daniel have to survive the war? \_\_\_\_\_ **Daniel must have hope to survive the war.** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 5-6 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

1) If the \_\_\_\_\_ captures us before we arrive, we cannot reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ if we do not know it.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ were everywhere.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ used \_\_\_\_\_ to frighten people and sell more papers.

4) Anton's \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth, was one of the unlucky ones.

Bubbe would tell Anton she \_\_\_\_\_ a day would come when he might live as a \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.

5) The \_\_\_\_\_ night was a blessing and a curse. 6) He counted 28 in the band. Six of them were \_\_\_\_\_ about his uncle's age. The rest were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

7) \_\_\_\_\_ we are stronger than we are alone. 8) \_\_\_\_\_ would need to be carried in from the outside.

**Chapter 5-6 Complete the Sentence**

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

9) If ambushed you must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

10) Everyone deserved a few \_\_\_\_\_.

11) Without \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel would never survive this awful war.



## Chapter 5-6 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

hide location newspapers water water scatter secrets rumors  
gestapo Jew army hoped grandmother united fear  
men collaborators moonless

### Key



1) If the gestapo captures us before we arrive, we cannot reveal the location if we do not know it. 2)

Collaborators were everywhere.

3) Newspapers used rumors to frighten people and sell more papers.

4) Anton's grandmother Ruth, was one of the unlucky ones.

Bubbe would tell Anton she hoped a day would come when he

might live as a Jew without fear.

## Chapter 5-6 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

5) The moonless night was a blessing and a curse. 6)

He counted 28 in the band. Six of them were men about his uncle's

age. The rest were women and

children.

7) United we are stronger than we are alone.

8) Water would need to be carried in from the

outside.

9) If ambushed you must scatter and hide.

Key



10) Everyone deserved a few secrets.

11) Without hope Daniel would never survive this awful war.

**Chapter 5-6 Complete the Sentence**

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

hide location newspapers water water scatter secrets rumors

gestapo Jew army hoped grandmother united fear

men collaborators moonless

## Discussion Questions



### Chapter 7:

What could you do to combat boredom in the cave? Consider what is in there.

Why is water such an important need for those in the cave?

Why does Daniel not feel safe anywhere?

### Chapter 8:

How and why do you think the Reich kept extensive records?

Why do people in fear make mistakes?

Why do you believe Van Duesen is using a five-year old map?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 7-8**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What are they search for an underground source of? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) What other thing are they searching the cave for? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) How much time should they explore before returning? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) What three things do Daniel and Anton take into the cave? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

5) What did they not find? \_\_\_\_\_

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6) What came loose from the ceiling? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) What two choices does Van Duesen have as he's following two men?

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8) What does Von Duesen hope he can earn? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Key



#### Chapter 7-8

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What are they search for an underground source of? \_\_\_\_\_ **They are searching for**

**an underground source of water.** \_\_\_\_\_

2) What other things are they searching the cave for? \_\_\_\_\_ **They are also searching**

**for an exit.** \_\_\_\_\_

3) How much time should they explore before returning? \_\_\_\_\_ **They should only be gone one hour before returning.**

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4) What three things do Daniel and Anton take into the cave? \_\_\_\_\_ **Daniel and**

**Anton take a flashlight, a watch and a piece of chalk.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5) What did they not find? **They did not find a water source.**

\_\_\_\_\_

6) What came loose from the ceiling? **A boulder came loose from the ceiling.**

\_\_\_\_\_

7) What two choices does Van Duesen have as he's following two men? **He must decide to capture them or keep following them.**

8) What does Von Duesen hope he can earn? **He hopes to earn either a medal or a promotion.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### **Chapter 7-8 Complete the Sentence**

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) If we can find an underground \_\_\_\_\_ source we will not have to venture out at \_\_\_\_\_.

2) We need an escape \_\_\_\_\_. If the gestapo should

come here, we must have a way to \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Go as far back as you can in one \_\_\_\_\_, then turn back.

4) Daniel and Anton take a \_\_\_\_\_, a piece of \_\_\_\_\_  
and a \_\_\_\_\_ as they search the cave.

5) The \_\_\_\_\_ came loose from the ceiling.

6) The Jews might have been to stash enough \_\_\_\_\_ to stay alive,  
but they could not live without \_\_\_\_\_.

7) Should he take these men \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them  
until they reveal the others or should he \_\_\_\_\_ them.

8) Von Duesen hopes he can earn a \_\_\_\_\_ and perhaps even a  
\_\_\_\_\_ from General Stueben.

9) No matter what happened, Von Duesen would not return to headquarters tonight  
\_\_\_\_\_.

boulder flee water promotion night interrogate watch chalk food  
hour prisoner empty-handed flashlight water follow medal hatch





## Key

### Chapter 7-8 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

- 1) If we can find an underground water source we will not have to venture out at night.
- 2) We need an escape hatch. If the gestapo should come here, we must have a way to flee.
- 3) Go as far back as you can in one hour, then turn back.
- 4) Daniel and Anton take a flashlight, a piece of chalk and a watch as they search the cave.
- 5) The boulder came loose from the ceiling.
- 6) The Jews might have been to stash enough food to stay alive, but they could not live without water.
- 7) Should he take these men prisoner and interrogate them until they reveal the others or should he follow them.
- 8) Von Duesen hopes he can earn a medal and perhaps even a promotion from General Stueben.

9) No matter what happened, Von Duesen would not return to headquarters tonight

empty-handed\_\_\_\_\_.

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## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 9:

Why is Anton shrouded in darkness?

Has there ever been a time when you were completely helpless in the dark?

How does the solitude heighten Anton's senses to things he normally overlooked?

How is the fear Anton now faces different from the fear he faced when hiding in the fields with Bubbe?

Why does Anton become more nervous the more he tries to remain calm? Why does Anton feel as though he is winning?

### Chapter 10:

Why is it so important for Von Duesen to sneak up on the Jews?

How is it that the Jews disappear from sight?

How does one group of people come to believe another group of people is completely inferior to another group?

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 9-10**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What happened to Anton? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) What Olympic sport would make Anton a champion? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3) What is in the cave which upsets Anton so? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4) What is Major Von Duesen very good at doing? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5) What is Germany trying to control? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6) What can get you killed? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Key



### Chapter 9-10

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What happened to Anton? \_\_\_\_\_ **He was pinned under some boulders in a cave in.**

2) What Olympic sport would make Anton a champion? \_\_\_\_\_ **If rock pushing were an Olympic sport Anton would be a champion.**

3) What is in the cave which upsets Anton ? \_\_\_\_\_ **Rats are in the cave with Anton.**

4) What is Major Von Duesen very good at doing? \_\_\_\_\_ **Von Duesen is very good at interrogating prisoners.**

5) What is Germany trying to control? \_\_\_\_\_ **Germany is trying to control the entire European continent.**

6) What can get you killed? \_\_\_\_\_ **Appearances can get you killed.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 9-10 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

- 1) He was completely pinned beneath the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2) Rock pushing was not an \_\_\_\_\_ but if it were, Anton would be the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) He did not think the \_\_\_\_\_ was cheering his success.
- 4) Major Karl Von Duesen was very good at \_\_\_\_\_ prisoners.
- 5) Karl Von duesen believed the \_\_\_\_\_ was the master race, and Jews were \_\_\_\_\_ in every way.
- 6) It was inevitable that one day \_\_\_\_\_ would control the entire \_\_\_\_\_ continent.
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ can get you killed. Never forget that.

Olympic Sport   appearances   Reich   champion  
European   German   interrogating   rat   stones   inferior



## Key

### Chapter 9-10 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

- 1) He was completely pinned beneath the stones.
- 2) Rock pushing was not an Olympic sport but if it were, Anton would be the champion.
- 3) He did not think the rat was cheering his success.
- 4) Major Karl Von Duesen was very good at interrogating prisoners.
- 5) Karl Von duesen believed the Reich was the master race, and Jews were inferior in every way.
- 6) It was inevitable that one day Germany would control the entire European continent.
- 7) Appearances can get you killed. Never forget that.

Olympic Sport   appearances   Reich   champion

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## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 11:

Why does Anton push to finish the job his Uncle Dimitri assigned him, even when he's hurt?

How does smiling and laughter build a friendship between Daniel and Anton?

### Chapter 12:

What does it feel like Von Duesen and his men are doing?

Why would they believe the Jews would eat a field mouse?

Why do they keep referring to the Jews as fugitives?

Why does Von Duesen silently curse himself at being startled by a rabbit?

Why does Von Duesen kick one of the milk cans as hard as he can?

How did the Jews manage to outwit Von Duesen?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 11-12

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What did George do? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) Who will Anton and the others in the cave be ready for? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3) Who would be cut down if they tried anything? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4) What startled Von Duesen? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) What did Von Dusen find behind the rocks? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Key



### Chapter 11-12

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What did George do? \_\_\_\_\_ **George worked and dug the mud and debris from around Anton.** \_\_\_\_\_

2) Who will Anton and the others in the cave be ready for? \_\_\_\_\_ **Anton and the others in the cave will be ready if the gestapo comes.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 3) Who would be cut down if they tried anything?  
**If the fugitives tried anything they would be cut down.**

\_\_\_\_\_



4) What startled Von Duesen? A rabbit startled Von Duesen.

5) What did Von Dusen find behind the rocks? Von Duesen found only the two milk cans.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 11-12 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) George worked like a \_\_\_\_\_ scrambling into the small spaces and \_\_\_\_\_ away at the rocks and mud.

2) Now if the \_\_\_\_\_ comes, we will be ready for them.

3) If the \_\_\_\_\_ tried anything, they would be cut down like a scythe slashing through \_\_\_\_\_,

4) It was as if they had turned to \_\_\_\_\_ and faded away.

5) A soldier of the \_\_\_\_\_ did not jump at the appearance of a \_\_\_\_\_. 6) A \_\_\_\_\_ major was not afraid of two Jewish peasants.

7) Sitting on the ground were two \_\_\_\_\_. The very ones the two Juden had been carrying.

fugitives    demon    milk cans    rabbit    Reich  
gestapo    gestapo    wheat    mist    clawing



## Key

### Chapter 11-12 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

- 1) George worked like a demon scrambling into the small spaces and clawing away at the rocks and mud.
- 2) Now if the gestapo comes, we will be ready for them.
- 3) If the fugitives tried anything, they would be cut down like a scythe slashing through wheat.
- 4) It was as if they had turned to mist and faded away.
- 5) A soldier of the Reich did not jump at the appearance of a rabbit.
- 6) A gestapo major was not afraid of two Jewish peasants.
- 7) Sitting on the ground were two milk cans. The very ones the two Juden had been carrying.

fugitives    demon    milk cans    rabbit    Reich

gestapo    gestapo    wheat    mist    clawing



## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 13:

Why was silence unnerving now? They had been silent before.

Why don't they leave immediately? What would you have done in that situation?

### Chapter 14:

Why are they working on an exit strategy?

Why is there such a need to conserve food and energy?

Why is the tension growing?

Why doesn't Bubbe leave when the Nazis arrive?

Anton believes what about the young rising in rank in the German army?

Why is Bubbe so tough?

Why does she argue so much with Major Von Duesen?

Why does Bubbe believe the fuhrer is afraid?

Why does Anton wish to be older?

Why does Anton feel ashamed?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 13-14**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) How will the gestapo come for them? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) What kept popping up unexpectedly? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3) What made the entrance difficult to find? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4) What had to be rationed? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5) What is Bubbe really good at? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6) Who does Bubbe says Hitler cannot win the war without capturing? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7) What did Bubbe say the Reich was good at teaching? \_\_\_\_\_

Key



**Chapter 13-14**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) How will the gestapo come for them? \_\_\_\_\_ **The gestapo will come through the entrance.**

2) What kept popping up unexpectedly? \_\_\_\_\_ **The German army kept popping up unexpectedly.**

3) What made the entrance difficult to find? \_\_\_\_\_ **The entrance had been well camouflaged.**

4) What had to be rationed? \_\_\_\_\_ **Water had to be rationed.**

5) What is Bubbe really good at? \_\_\_\_\_ **Bubbe was really good at staring contests.**

6)

Who does Bubbe says Hitler cannot win the war without capturing? \_\_\_\_\_ **Bubbe**

**said Hitler must capture farmers, cobblers, and blacksmiths.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7) What did Bubbe say the Reich was good at teaching? **The Reich is good at teaching the gestapo how to beat up old women.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 13-14 Complete the Sentence**

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) If the gestapo comes for us, they will force their way through the

\_\_\_\_\_ .

2) The German army had a way of popping up \_\_\_\_\_.

3) The cave entrance had been well \_\_\_\_\_.

4) Water had to be \_\_\_\_\_ .

5) If he thought he could win a \_\_\_\_\_ with her, Herr Major was in for a rude awakening.

6) His \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ unless he captures farmers, cobblers and blacksmiths.

7) I see the \_\_\_\_\_ is very good at teaching the gestapo how to beat up old \_\_\_\_\_.

staring contest    unexpectedly    war    won    camouflaged

Reich    entrance    women    rationed



## Key

### Chapter 13-14 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) If the gestapo comes for us, they will force their way through the

entrance .

2) The German army had a way of popping up unexpectedly .

3) The cave entrance had been well camouflaged .

4) Water had to be rationed .

5) If he thought he could win a staring contest with her, Herr Major was in for a rude awakening.

6) His war cannot be won unless he captures farmers, cobblers and blacksmiths.

7) I see the Reich is very good at teaching the gestapo how to beat up old women .

staring contest unexpectedly war won camouflaged

Reich entrance women rationed



## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 15:

Do Anton's ideas even seem possible? Or is he just planning on hope?

What is Anton's idea with the rusty nails?

### Chapter 16:

Why is Von Duesen so happy to get the Juden?

Why is Von Duesen looking forward to interrogating Bubbe?

Why doesn't he care what will happen to Rina's child? What does this tell you about how the Von Duesen and the Germans view the Jews?

Why does Von Duesen say Bubbe is property? To whom does she belong? What does that mean?

What does Bubbe say Von Duesen is afraid of?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 15-16

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What was painted on the side of the military vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_



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2) What does Von Duesen say Bubbe is now the property of ? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) Which two countries are gathering their forces? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) What army is chasing the Germans back to the Rhineland? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Key



### Chapter 15-16

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What was painted on the side of the military vehicle? A giant black swastika was painted on the side of the vehicle.

2) What does Von Duesen say Bubbe is now the property of ? Von Duesen says Bubble is now property of the Reich.

3) Which two countries are gathering their forces? The Americans and the British are gathering forces.

4) What army is chasing the Germans back to the Rhineland? The Russian army is chasing the Germans back to the Rhineland.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 15-16 Complete the Sentence**

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) The giant black \_\_\_\_\_ painted on the side of the military vehicle was a grim reminder of the \_\_\_\_\_ who controlled their fate.

2) Do you have nothing to say now that you are a \_\_\_\_\_?

Now that you are \_\_\_\_\_ of the Reich?

3) The \_\_\_\_\_ have joined the \_\_\_\_\_ and soon they will gather their forces.

4) In the east, the \_\_\_\_\_ army chases you back to the \_\_\_\_\_ with your tail between your legs.

property    swastika    Russian    British  
Americans    Rhineland    monsters    prisoner



## Key

### Chapter 15-16 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) The giant black swastika painted on the side of the military vehicle was a grim reminder of the monsters who controlled their fate.

2) Do you have nothing to say now that you are a prisoner?

Now that you are property of the Reich?

3) The Americans have joined the British and soon they will gather their forces.

4) In the east, the Russian army chases you back to the Rhineland with your tail between your legs.

property    swastika    Russian    British

Americans Rhineland monsters prisoner



## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 17:

Would you have been able to do what Anton did?

Why does it appear that Anton's fear of losing Bubbe was greater than his fear of the Nazis?

### Chapter 18:

The book says that Von Duesen is angry, but is he really? What emotion is he more likely feeling? Why?

Why does the Fuhrer say they must not allow the enemy, especially the Juden, to have hope?

Where should the German army never have gone?

Why can Van Duesen consider personal matters like family?

Why does Bubbe never show fear?

Why does a small part of Von Duesen admire Bubbe?

Why does Bubbe not fear death? What does this tell you about sacrifice?

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 17-18

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What would be impossible if the tires are flat? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) How old is Anton? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3) What is Bubbe doing? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4) What happened to the German army at Stalingrad? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5) Who is Karl missing? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6) How do most people get their news? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6) How does Bubbe know she won't be shot? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Key



### Chapter 17-18

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What would be impossible if the tires are flat? \_\_\_\_\_ **It would be impossible to steer the vehicle if the tires were flat.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2) How old is Anton? \_\_\_\_\_ **Anton is twelve years old.**

3) What is Bubbe doing? Why? \_\_\_\_\_ **Bubble is doing everything to slow them or cause trouble.**

4) What happened to the German army at Stalingrad? \_\_\_\_\_ **The German army was humiliated at Stalingrad.**

5) Who is Karl missing? \_\_\_\_\_ **Karl is missing his brother.**

6) How do most people get their news? Most people get their news from the radio. 6)

How does Bubbe know she won't be shot? Von Duesen needs her to reveal where her friends and family are.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 17-18 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences. 1) If he could flatten the \_\_\_\_\_ it would be impossible to \_\_\_\_\_.

2) If only they knew they been felled by a \_\_\_\_\_ year old boy.

3) Bubbe would do anything to slow them down, \_\_\_\_\_ them, or otherwise cause \_\_\_\_\_.

4) The news of the Reich's \_\_\_\_\_ in Russia, especially at \_\_\_\_\_ was now spreading.

5) Karl wondered if he would ever see his \_\_\_\_\_ again.

6) Most of these peasants could not afford \_\_\_\_\_, yet this old woman knew so much.



7) You will not \_\_\_\_\_ me, not when you think you can  
\_\_\_\_\_ me into revealing where my friends and family are.

Stalingrad   delay   trouble   tires   steer   torture

humiliation   twelve   brother   shoot   radios

## Key



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at Stalingrad was now spreading.

5) Karl wondered if he would ever see his brother again.

6) Most of these peasants could not afford radios, yet this old woman knew so much.

7) You will not shoot me, not when you think you can torture me into revealing where my friends and family are.

Stalingrad delay trouble tires steer torture

humiliation twelve brother shoot radios

## Discussion Questions



### Chapter 19:

How does Anton cause a diversion? What does that tell us about using resources which are readily available in unconventional ways?

### Chapter 20:

What do Von Duesen's men tell him about the prisoners? Is it completely the truth? Does that matter?

Why can Von Duesen not show weakness, even when hurt?

How had everything gone so wrong?

**Chapter 21:**

Why did Anton not have anything to say? Why does he then blame himself?

Why would the soldier argue about the situation?

How does Bubbe maintain her faith?

Who now seems to be making the decisions? How is this a change from earlier?

Why does Anton keep worrying about the house?

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 19-21**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What will happen if Von Duesen returns without prisoners? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) Why is it important that prisoners be kept alive? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3) How did everything go so wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4) When Anton blames himself, what does Bubbe say about the Germans? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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5) Why would their neighbors turn Bubbe and Anton in? \_\_\_\_\_

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6) What did Anton have in his hand when he fell asleep? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Key



### Chapter 19-21

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What will happen if Von Duesen returns without prisoners? \_\_\_\_\_ **There will be**

**consequences if he returns without prisoners.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2) Why is it important that prisoners be kept alive? \_\_\_\_\_ **It's important they be kept alive to interrogate and find more Jews.**

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3) How did everything go so wrong? \_\_\_\_\_ **Anton caused a distraction to free**

**Bubbe. The soldiers working under him didn't listen and shot Rina and David to**

**keep them from escaping.**

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4) When Anton blames himself, what does Bubbe say about the Germans? \_\_\_\_\_

She says they have no conscience, no feelings, no remorse.

5) Why would their neighbors turn Bubbe and Anton in? \_\_\_\_ Their neighbors

would turn Bubbe and Anton in to save themselves from the gestapo.

6) What did Anton have in his hand when he fell asleep? \_\_\_\_ Anton fell asleep

with the sickle's handle in his hand.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 19-21 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences. 1)

If I return to headquarters with no \_\_\_\_\_, there will be

\_\_\_\_\_.

2) They have no \_\_\_\_\_, no feeling, no \_\_\_\_\_.

3) If the major had indeed called \_\_\_\_\_ soon the entire area would be crawling with gestapo.

4) Our \_\_\_\_\_ will turn us in to save themselves from the

\_\_\_\_\_.

5) After they found a place to rest, Anton felt a tremendous sense of

\_\_\_\_\_.

6) Anton fell asleep with the \_\_\_\_\_ handle clutched tightly in his hand.

gestapo relief remorse sickle consequences

prisoner reinforcements neighbors



## Key

### Chapter 19-21 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) If I return to headquarters with no prisoners, there will be

consequences,

2) They have no conscience, no feeling, no remorse.

3) If the major had indeed called reinforcements soon the entire area would be crawling with gestapo.

4) Our neighbors will turn us in to save themselves from the

\_\_\_\_\_ gestapo \_\_\_\_\_.

5) After they found a place to rest, Anton felt a tremendous sense of

\_\_\_\_\_ relief \_\_\_\_\_.

6) Anton fell asleep with the \_\_\_\_\_ sickle \_\_\_\_\_ handle clutched tightly in his hand.

gestapo relief remorse sickle consequences

prisoner reinforcements neighbors

## Discussion Questions



### Chapter 22:

How does Von Duesen justify the killings? What does it say about him that he thinks perhaps they will be spared future sufferings? What does that tell you about what he knows about the camps?

What does Van Duesen admire about the General? Do you know anyone like that?

Why does General Steuben say so little?

**Chapter 23:**

Have you ever been so tired that sleep didn't erase your exhaustion?

What is happening to Anton's faith?

What do you think the soldiers are going to do with their bayonets?

**Chapter 24:**

What do you think is happening to Von Duesen as he becomes more frustrated? How is your decision making when you become increasingly frustrated?

Why is Von Duesen concerned a pause will be reported to the General by Lieutenant Hinkel?

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 22-24**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What does Van Duesen threaten to do to the privates who worked for him? \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) What does Von Duesen hope to still be able to do? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3) What has Bubbe and Anton created in Major Von Duesen? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



4) The gestapo is coming. What do Anton and Bubbe need to do? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5) What did the soldiers find in the barn? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Key



### Chapter 22-24

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What does Van Duesen threaten to do to the privates who worked for him? \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Von Duesen threatens to send the privates to the Russian front.**

2) What does Von Duesen hope to still be able to do? \_\_\_\_ **Von Duesen hopes to**

**restore the general's opinion of him.**

3) What has Bubbe and Anton created in Major Von Duesen? \_\_\_\_ **Bubbe and**

**Anton have made Major Von Duesen their enemy.**

4) The gestapo is coming. What do Anton and Bubbe need to do? \_\_\_\_ **Anton and**

**Bubbe need to hide.**

5) What did the soldiers find in the barn? \_\_\_\_ **The soldiers don't find anyone.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 22-24 Complete the Sentence**

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) Major Von Duesen would have the \_\_\_\_\_ sent to the  
\_\_\_\_\_ front.

2) It was still possible for Major Von Duesen to \_\_\_\_\_  
this mess and restore the general's fine \_\_\_\_\_ of him.

3) Bubbe and Anton had made it and \_\_\_\_\_ last night.

One they would \_\_\_\_\_.

4) Uncle Dmitri had thought the \_\_\_\_\_ was perfect because it  
kept them safe even though they were right \_\_\_\_\_ the gestapo's feet.

5) If he and Bubbe were going to \_\_\_\_\_, they would have  
to \_\_\_\_\_ the next few minutes.

6) \_\_\_\_\_ barn was proving \_\_\_\_\_. If  
anyone had been there, they were long gone by now.

cave ransacking salvage Russian privates endured  
fruitless enemy opinion safe survive beneath regret



## Key

### Chapter 22-24 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) Major Von Duesen would have the privates sent to the Russian front.

2) It was still possible for Major Von Duesen to salvage this mess and restore the general's fine opinion of him.

3) Bubbe and Anton had made it and endured last night. One they would regret.

4) Uncle Dmitri had thought the cave was perfect because it kept them safe even though they were right beneath the gestapo's feet.

5) If he and Bubbe were going to survive, they would have to endure the next few minutes.

6) Ransacking barn was proving fruitless. If anyone had been there, they were long gone by now.

cave    ransacking    salvage    Russian    privates    endured  
fruitless    enemy    opinion    safe    survive    beneath  
regret

## Discussion Questions



### Chapter 25:

Why would the gestapo regularly fake a departure or leave soldiers behind? What does this say about them? How would Anton and Bubbe know the gestapo was known for such tactics?

What has caused Bubbe to have such a fierce determination?

Why does the survival of Anton's family depend on keeping Bubbe alive?

What does Anton's realization about Bubbe's value to the family say about him?

Where had Anton and Bubbe been hiding?

How have the roles reversed between Anton and Bubbe? What has caused this change in the characters?

How has Anton's thinking and reasoning changed? Was it easy for him to be selfsacrificing? Why or why not?

### Chapter 26:

What has Von Duesen's anger done to him? How can frustration and anger change a person? How did this affect his career?

Why is it important that even Colonel Mehringer, someone who has known Von Duesen his whole career, is now laughing at his expense?

Why are so many people now making fun of Von Duesen's mistakes? What does this say about the organization?

How is the difference of opinion on the importance of Bubbe, creating conflict between General Stueben and Von Duesen? Is she as important as Von Duesen thinks? Is she as unimportant as Stueben thinks?

Why is an assignment which allows him a chance to shine so important to Von Duesen?

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 25-26**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) How many lives had Bubbe's willpower saved? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) What does the survival of Anton's family depend? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3) Where had Anton and Bubbe been hiding? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4) Where must Anton and Bubble now go? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) What is going to happen to Major Von Duesen because he failed? \_\_\_\_\_

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6) What does Major Von Duesen think about Bubbe? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) What are Major Von Duesen's worst fears? \_\_\_\_\_

Key



**Chapter 25-26**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) How many lives had Bubbe's willpower saved? It is impossible to know how many lives her will power saved.

2) What does the survival of Anton's family depend? The survival of Anton's family depends on keeping Bubbe alive.

3) Where had Anton and Bubbe been hiding? They were hiding behind the trellis, under the steps leading up to the front door.

4) Where must Anton and Bubble now go? They must head north to the

rendezvous point.

5) What is going to happen to Major Von Duesen because he failed? \_\_\_He is going to be reassigned.

6) What does Major Von Duesen think about Bubbe? \_\_\_He thinks she's important, too important to be captured.

7) What are Major Von Duesen's worst fears? \_\_\_He was given an assignment where he had no way to shine.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 25-26 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) It was \_\_\_\_\_ to know how many lives Bubbe's \_\_\_\_\_ had saved.

2) The survival of Anton's \_\_\_\_\_ depended on keeping Bubbe alive.

3) Anton removed the \_\_\_\_\_ from the side of the small set of steps that had been hiding them \_\_\_\_\_ the front steps leading to the front door of the farm house.

4) When it was dark, they would head north to the \_\_\_\_\_ point to find the others.

5) Von Duesen believes the old woman is too important to \_\_\_\_\_.

6) The major believes no one who is trying to \_\_\_\_\_.

would place their fates in the \_\_\_\_\_ of an old woman. 7) Von

Duesen is reassigned as \_\_\_\_\_ for his

\_\_\_\_\_ . His worst fears were realized with an assignment which would

give him no way to \_\_\_\_\_.

underneath    family    hands    trellis    shine

impossible    punishment    captured    failure

important    survive    rendezvous    willpower

## Key



### Chapter 25-26 Complete the Sentence

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willpower had saved.

2) The survival of Anton's family depended on keeping Bubbe alive.

3) Anton removed the trellis from the side of the small set of steps



that had been hiding them underneath the front steps leading to the front door of the farm house.

4) When it was dark, they would head north to the rendezvous point to find the others.

5) Von Duesen believes the old woman is too important to capture.

6) The major believes no one who is trying to survive would place their fates in the hands of an old woman.

7) Von Duesen is reassigned as punishment for his failure. His worst fears were realized with an assignment which would give him no way to shine.

underneath    family    hands    trellis    shine  
impossible    punishment    captured    failure  
important    survive    rendezvous    willpower



## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 27:

Why does Anton take everything he can find?

Why should Anton never try to rescue Bubbe again?

What does Anton still believe about his father? How does he keep his hope? Why is that hope so important?

How can water be so important, yet so dangerous?

**Chapter 28:**

What has the anger and frustration pushed Von Duesen into doing?

How can weeks or years of hard work be undone with one mistake?

What does constant movement and activity do to people? What does that say about the importance of rest in life?

Was this the only way to save his career? What does that say about having a single focus?

Do you think Von Duesen could have done that at the beginning of the story? What caused him to change so much?

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 27-28**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What does Bubbe tell Anton he must not do again? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) What does Bubbe say about war? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) What is Anton's priority supposed to be? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) Why is Anton nervous about the river? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) What is the only way Von Duesen can save his career? \_\_\_\_\_

Key



**Chapter 27-28**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What does Bubbe tell Anton he must not do again? \_\_\_\_\_ **Anton must not try to rescue Bubbe if they are captured again.** \_\_\_\_\_

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2) What does Bubbe say about war? \_\_\_\_\_ **Bubbe says war is chaos.** \_\_\_\_\_

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3) What is Anton's priority supposed to be? \_\_\_\_\_ **Anton's priority is supposed to be**

his life and safety.

4) Why is Anton nervous about the river? Anton believes that's where the gestapo will be looking for them.

5) What is the only way Von Duesen can save his career ? The only way Von Duesen can save his career is to capture Bubbe.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 27-28 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

- 1) Bubbe, cover yourself with \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ told him to remain still.
- 3) Bubbe knows they will not return because her \_\_\_\_\_ is better than Anton's
- 4) The farming is excellent. This may be the \_\_\_\_\_ that drives the \_\_\_\_\_ to conquer all of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) The \_\_\_\_\_ knew the fuhrer's master plan.
- 6) When the \_\_\_\_\_ army is crushed, we will control the entire continent.
- 7) The German army was retreating after vicious fighting in the city of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

8) The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were not ready to attempt to retake Europe.

9) Adolph Hitler had restored the \_\_\_\_\_ of the German people after the humiliating defeat of \_\_\_\_\_.

Stalingrad Europe British German Americans dirt fuel

World War I instinct gestapo Reich Russian pride



## Key

### Chapter 27-28 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) Bubbe, cover yourself with dirt.

2) Instinct told him to remain still.

3) Bubbe knows they will not return because her German is better than Anton's

4) The farming is excellent. This may be the fuel that drives the Reich to conquer all of Europe.

5) The gestapo knew the fuhrer's master plan.

6) When the Russian army is crushed, we will control the entire continent.

7) The German army was retreating after vicious fighting in the city of \_\_\_\_\_  
Stalingrad.

8) The Americans and British were not ready to attempt to retake Europe.

9) Adolph Hitler had restored the pride of the German people after the humiliating defeat of World War I.

Stalingrad Europe British German Americans dirt fuel

World War I instinct gestapo Reich Russian pride



## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 29:

Why is Anton and Bubbe's first instinct to fight? What causes this?

Why does it take so long for Anton to realize he is called by name?

Why does Anton still bite Dmitri?

What made you realize Bubbe thought she would never see Dmitri again?

What have Dmitri and Herman been doing?

Why will bravery alone not keep you alive?

Who else has returned to the family?

What does it mean to “tend to your own pastures”?

What gives Bubbe her strength?

How can an old woman like Bubbe make Major Von Duesen afraid?

Anton tells Bubbe, “For so long you have carried us. Let us carry you.” What does he mean by that?

What does Bubbe threaten to do if she is dropped?

Where did the blanket used to carry Bubbe come from?

What does the Priest’s Grotto have which is so special at this point?

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 29**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What does Bubbe strike out with? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) What does Anton do to try to get away? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3) Who captured them this time? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4) What will not keep you alive? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) Now that Anton and Bubbe are safe, who does Anton start thinking about again?

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6) What is so special about this cave? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Key



### Chapter 29

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What does Bubbe strike out with ? \_\_\_\_\_ **Bubbe strikes out with her walking stick.**

2) What does Anton do to try to get away? \_\_\_\_\_ **Anton bites the hand that covers his mouth.**

3) Who captures Anton and Bubbe them this time? \_\_\_\_\_ **Uncle Dmitri and his friend Herman capture Anton and Bubbe.**

4) What will not keep you alive? \_\_\_\_\_ **Bravery alone will not keep you alive.**



5) Now that Anton and Bubbe are safe, who does Anton start thinking about again?

Anton returns to thinking about learning what has happened to Papa.

6) What is so special about this cave? One of the underground tunnels leads to an underground lake.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 29 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) Bubbe whacked her assailant with her \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Dmitri asks Anton, "Where did you learn to bite like a \_\_\_\_\_?"

3) Sixteen of our original group is already there, but three other \_\_\_\_\_ we found running from the \_\_\_\_\_.

4) \_\_\_\_\_ alone will not keep you alive.

5) Bubbe was growing \_\_\_\_\_, but she will had the heart of a \_\_\_\_\_.

6) Anton wonders, "Could this \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ war be coming to an end? Does that mean I might finally learn what has become of

\_\_\_\_\_

7) One of the \_\_\_\_\_ leads to an underground \_\_\_\_\_.

There is plenty of fresh \_\_\_\_\_.

Papa lake long walking stick gestapo mule deadly  
tunnels bravery old families water warrior

### Key



#### Chapter 29 Complete the Sentence

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we found running from the gestapo.

4) Bravery alone will not keep you alive.

5) Bubbe was growing old, but she will had the heart

of a warrior.

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Papa   lake   long   walking stick   gestapo   mule   deadly  
tunnels   bravery   old   families   water   warrior

## Discussion Questions



### Chapter 30:

Why did Von Duesen’s grand plan backfire? What does this say about quick fixes?

Why had Von Duesen been demoted?

What do his thoughts about the execution tell you about his state of mind now? Is it OK to do something just because everyone else is doing it?

How had Von Duesen’s actions caused damage to the Nazi cause?

Whose attitude is actually more dangerous: Von Duesen’s or General Steuben’s?

Do you think Von Duesen has become obsessed? Could you hold a single goal in mind for 18 months? Would it be easier to do with a positive goal or a negative goal? Do you think Von Duesen's goal is positive or negative?

Von Duesen seems to continue to use his current position and duties to search for Bubbe. Is this similar or different from Anton taking whatever he can use from the farm house?

Von Duesen had done everything he was supposed to because he believed in someone else's plan. So who's plan should you be following? What does this say about group mentality?

What does this say about invincibility?

How did Von Duesen become bitter? What are Von Duesen's off-duty excursions?

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 30**

**Directions:** Answer the questions

1) What does Von Duesen want General Steuben to see in him? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

2) What was Von Duesen's punishment? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) What is going on with the war? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) What race is going on? \_\_\_\_\_

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8) What is the only thing that Karl now cares about? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Key



### Chapter 30

**Directions:** Answer the questions

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wants General Steuben to see his ambition and tenacity and to be impressed.

2)

What was Von Duesen's punishment? Von Duesen's punishment was three months in the brig and being assigned a desk job.

3) What did Von Duesen refuse to believe? He refused to believe the war was not going well for the Reich.

4) What is going on with the war? Italy was lost and the Reich was also being pushed back to the homeland.

5) What race is going on? The Americans and Russians are in a race to reach

Berlin.

6) What is so suspicious about the men trading? They seemed to trade for far more than they needed.

7) What would Van Duesen never have done before this? He would have never disobeyed orders and taken rash actions.

8) What is the only thing that Karl now cares about? All Karl cared about was

revenge. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapter 30 Complete the Sentence

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences

1) Von Duesen wants General Steuben to see his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Von Duesen was given three months in the \_\_\_\_\_ and was assigned to a desk job. He was lucky to have avoided a \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Von Duesen hated and \_\_\_\_\_ to believe the war was not going well for the \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ was lost.

4) It was as if the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ were in a race to reach Berlin.

5) He would find these \_\_\_\_\_ or die \_\_\_\_\_.

6) Before this he never would have \_\_\_\_\_ order and would never have taken such \_\_\_\_\_ actions.

8) All Karl cared about was \_\_\_\_\_.

trying    court-martial    tenacity    disobeyed    brig

Italy Jews ambition Americans refused  
rash Reich Russians revenge



## Key

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- 1) Von Duesen wants General Steuben to see his ambition and tenacity.
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- 3) Von Duesen hated and refused to believe the war was not going well for the Reich. Italy was lost.
- 4) It was as if the Americans and the Russians were in a race to reach Berlin.
- 5) He would find these Jews or die trying. 6) Before this he never would have disobeyed orders and would never have taken such rash actions.
- 8) All Karl cared about was revenge.



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## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 31:

Why would the Priest's Grotto feel much safer to Anton?

Why was locating vegetable gardens so important?

How long have they been running or hiding in the caves? Why do they celebrate their holidays? Is there anything to celebrate?

What happened to Daniel?

What was really troubling Anton?

How has Anton lost the most?

Why does Dmitri now decide to tell Anton the circumstances of his father joining the Polish army?

What would cause the people to shout when they normally whisper?

### Chapter 32:

Why was it so easy for Karl?

Why would it be considered a courtesy to speak Ukrainian?

Why was Von Duesen hurting the wife instead of the farmer?

Did the farmer give Von Duesen the information he was looking for?

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 31-32**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What had to be reminded daily? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) What was Anton's specialty at locating? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3) Who did they pour a glass for? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4) What are the newspapers reporting? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5) What did the Polish army not have? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6) What made up the Polish calvary? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Key



### Chapter 31-32

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What had to be reminded daily? They had to be reminded daily they were still in danger.

2) What was Anton's specialty at locating? Anton's specialty was locating vegetable gardens.

3) Who did they pour a glass for? They poured a glass for Elijah the Prophet.

4) What are the newspapers reporting? The newspapers were reporting American soldiers in the streets of Paris.

5) What did the Polish army not have? The Polish army did not have tanks.

6) What made up the Polish calvary? The Polish cavalry was made up of men

on horseback.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 31-32 Complete the Sentence**

**Directions:** Use the words in the list below to complete the sentences.

1) The important feature was the underground \_\_\_\_\_ . 2)

The elders reminded them every day they were still in \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Anton became adept at finding \_\_\_\_\_ gardens.

4) During Passover they poured a glass for the prophet \_\_\_\_\_.

5) There were pictures in the newspaper of the \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers  
in the streets of \_\_\_\_\_.

6) The Poles did not have \_\_\_\_\_. Their cavalry was made up  
of men on \_\_\_\_\_.

horseback   lake   Elijah   danger  
vegetable   American   tanks   Paris



## Key

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4) During Passover they poured a glass for the prophet Elijah.

5) There were pictures in the newspaper of the American soldiers  
in the streets of Paris.

6) The Poles did not have tanks. Their cavalry was made up  
of men on horseback.

horseback lake Elijah danger  
vegetable American tanks Paris



## Discussion Questions

### Chapter 33:

Why couldn't Anton keep calm?

Why does Anton run for Bubbe?

What does Bubbe do to protect Anton?

Why is it that all Bubbe has to give Anton is her love?

Who shot Von Duesen?

Who is with Pavel? Where had he been?

### Epilogue:

What would it be like to have nowhere to go and no family? How do you think Daniel feels about being with Anton's family?

What had the war stolen from Anton? How were these things stolen from them? How do you think that will affect Anton as an adult? Remember toward the end of the war Anton is only 14 or 15 years old.

Why must Anton go?

Why does Anton believe this is the right thing to do? Have you ever lived a life with a major uncertainty in it?

## Discussion Questions



### Author Notes:

How is it possible for one madman create so much evil in the world? How can one person change the world? If it is possible for one man to change the world for evil, then how many more possibilities are there for one person to change the world for good?

Bubbe says Jews were persecuted for centuries before Hitler came to power. Are they still persecuted today? Are there other groups of people who are also persecuted?

Can you imagine being persecuted for your beliefs so much and for so long that you can't see the persecution of this magnitude coming and expect it to be like so many times before?

How can the fight for survival and freedom win out? What can you do to help make that happen?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter 33-Epilogue**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What happens to Bubbe? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) Why did Bubbe step in front of Anton? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3) Who shot Von Duesen? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) Safety is what? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) What will men and women of good conscience do? \_\_\_\_\_

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Key



**Chapter 33-Epilogue**

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

1) What happens to Bubbe? She is shot and killed.



2) Why did Bubbe step in front of Anton? \_\_\_\_\_ She loved him and he was about to be shot.

3) Who shot Von Duesen? \_\_\_\_\_ Uncle Pavel shot Von Duesen.

4) Safety is what? \_\_\_\_\_ Safety is an illusion.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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3) \_\_\_\_\_ heard the second gunshot and saw

\_\_\_\_\_ had killed \_\_\_\_\_. 4)

\_\_\_\_\_ had returned with \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Vocabulary

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## Vocabulary



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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2) The downfall of someone's career.  
\_\_\_\_\_

3) Without punishment or penalty. \_\_\_\_\_

4) Large caliber guns, such as cannons, used in warfare. It can also be a branch of the

military which uses those sized guns. \_\_\_\_\_

5) A very dense group of trees and or tall shrubs. \_\_\_\_\_

6) A very small stream. \_\_\_\_\_

7) A long standing rival, or enemy. \_\_\_\_\_

8) A military prison or jail. \_\_\_\_\_

9) A region which has very rich soil and good climate for producing a very large number of crops and is considered very important for an entire country.  
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10) The ability to maintain attention and alertness over a long period of time.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Write the correct vocabulary word after each definition.

10) The ability to maintain attention and alertness over a long period of time.

\_\_\_\_\_

11) Working together or in agreement with. \_\_\_\_\_

12) A person who has very strong feelings about something, usually religion or politics. \_\_\_\_\_

13) A way to obtain information visually about the activities and resources of the enemy. \_\_\_\_\_

## Key



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2) The downfall of someone's career. \_\_\_\_\_ professional demise \_\_\_\_\_

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6) A very small stream. \_\_\_\_\_ rivulets \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ breadbasket \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ vigilant \_\_\_\_\_

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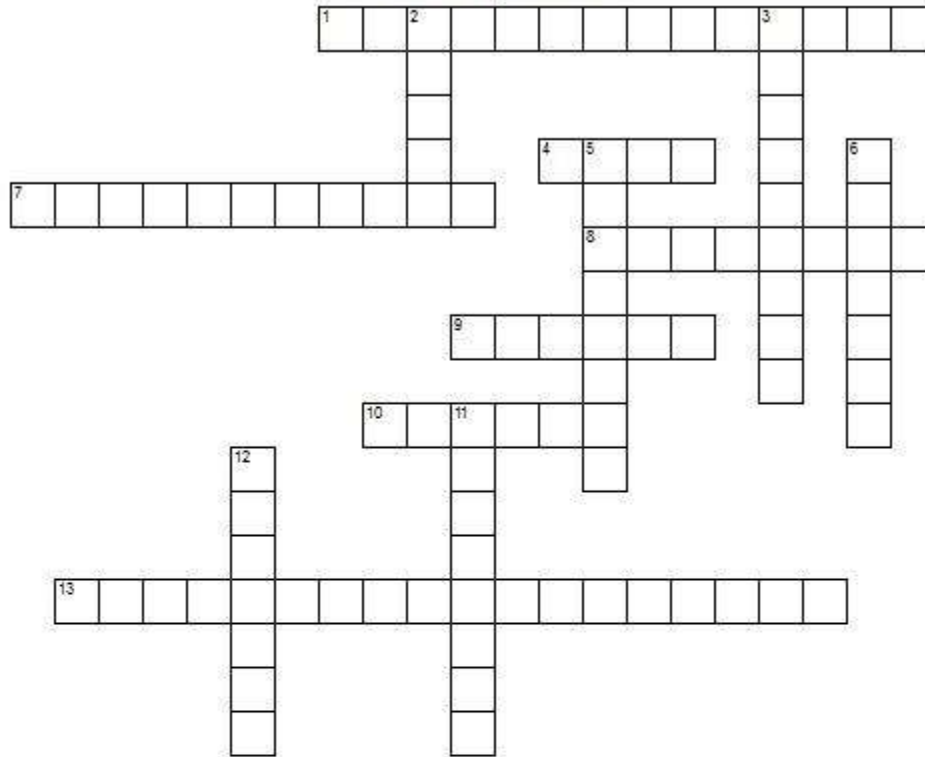
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13) A way to obtain information visually about the activities and resources of the enemy. \_\_\_\_\_ reconnaissance

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### The Enemy Above



#### Across

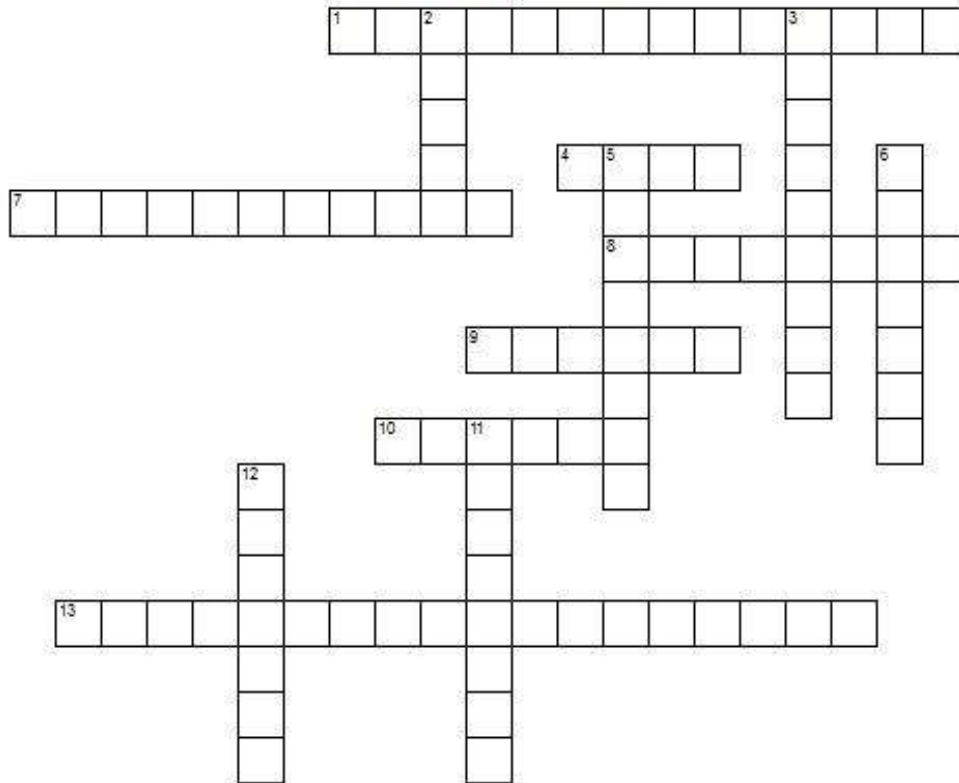
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#### Down

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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reconnaissance vigilant copse concert rivulets zealot orient brig impunity breadbasket  
 professional demise nemesis artillery

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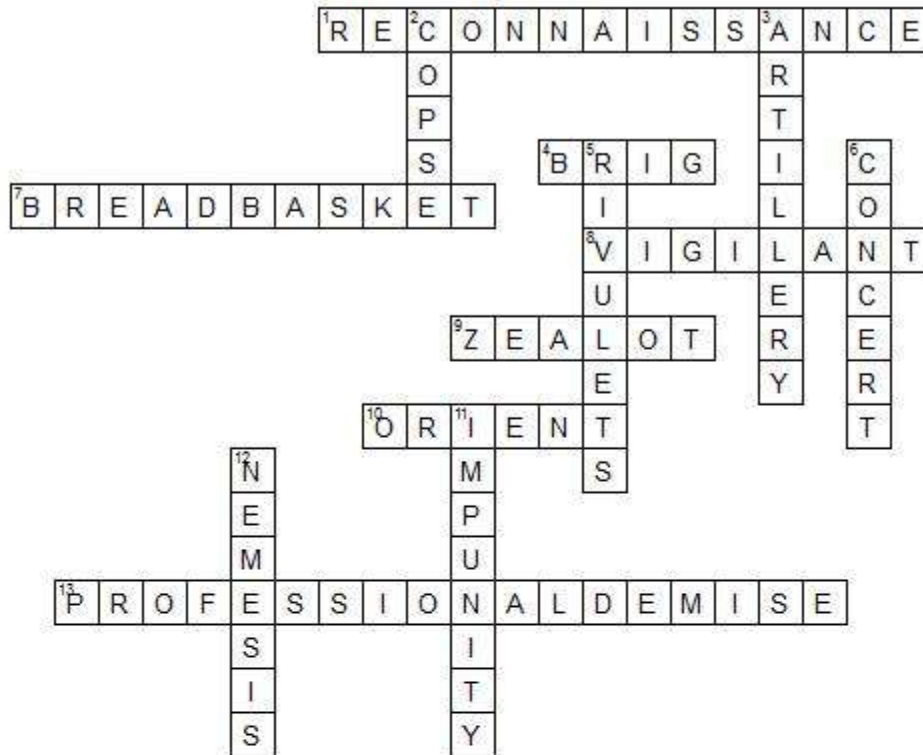
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

### The Enemy Above

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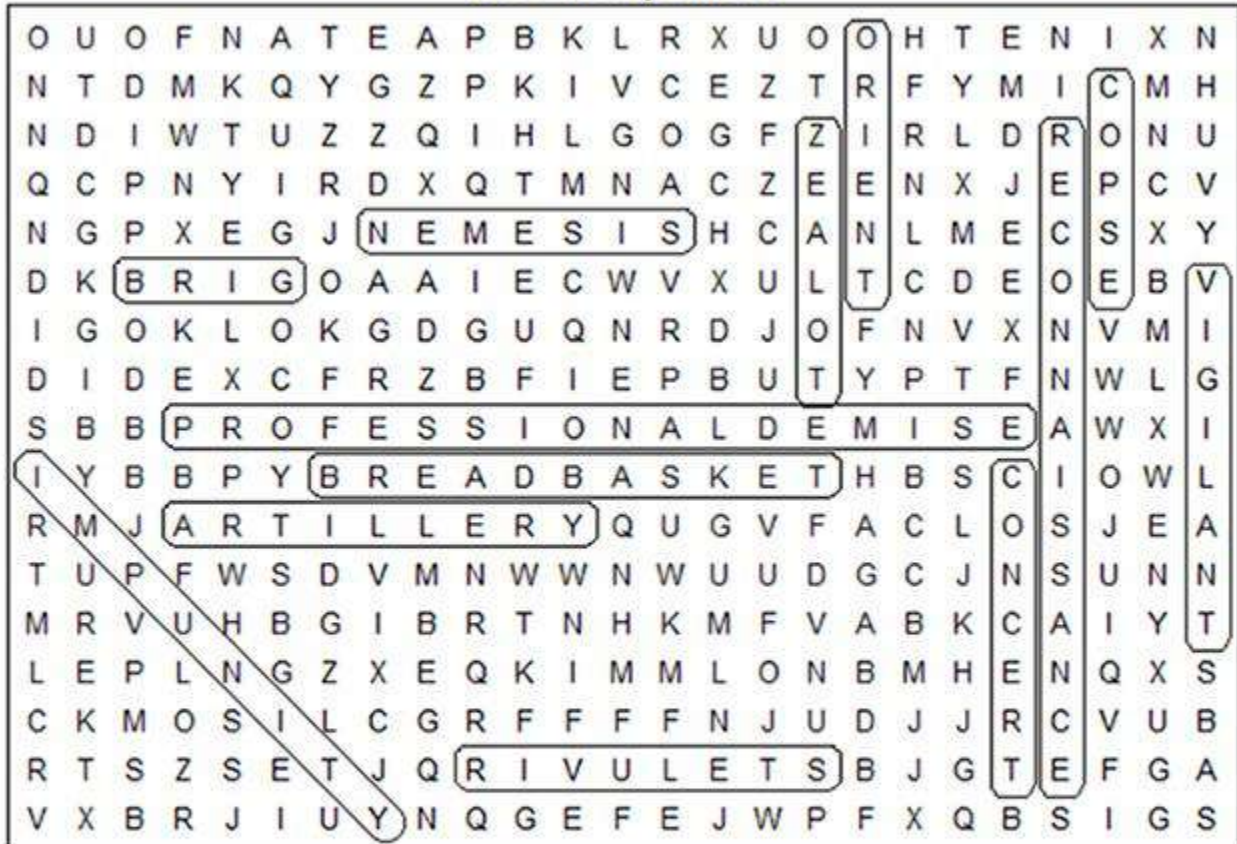
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1) A set of Jewish religious dietary rules and restrictions. \_\_\_\_\_

2) A house of worship, prayer, and study for the Jewish people. \_\_\_\_\_

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3) A violent riot aimed to massacre or persecute a group of people, usually Jews. \_\_\_\_

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5) Usually contained in a decorative case; it is a piece of parchment with specific Hebrew verses from Deuteronomy in the Bible.. \_\_\_\_\_

6) A four-sided spinning top played with during the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah.

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7) A triangular kerchief for the head usually worn by elderly Russian women, for whom the article of clothing was named. \_\_\_\_\_

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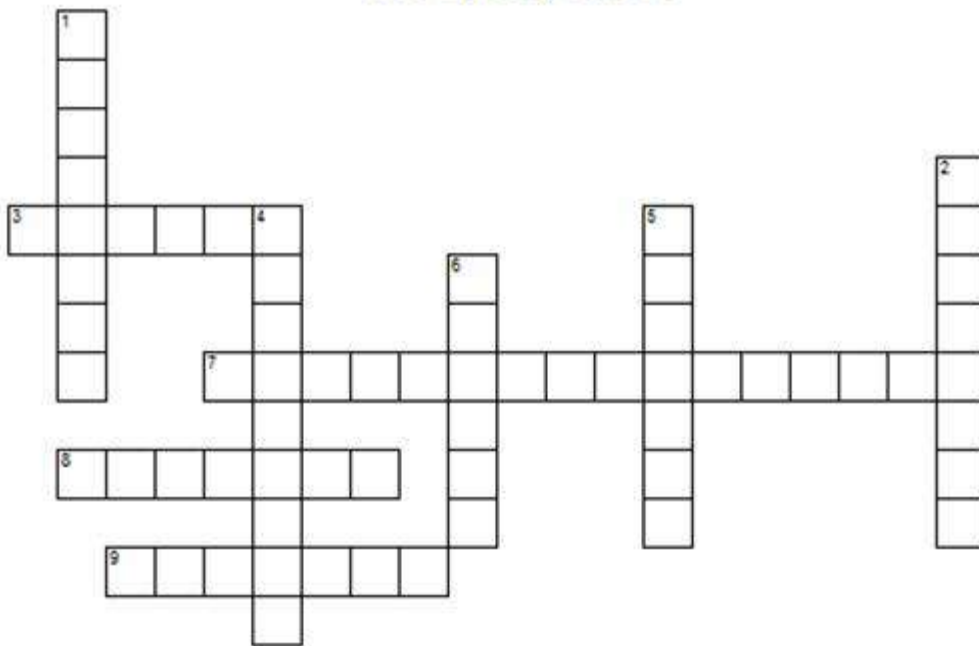
Cossacks

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partisan militias

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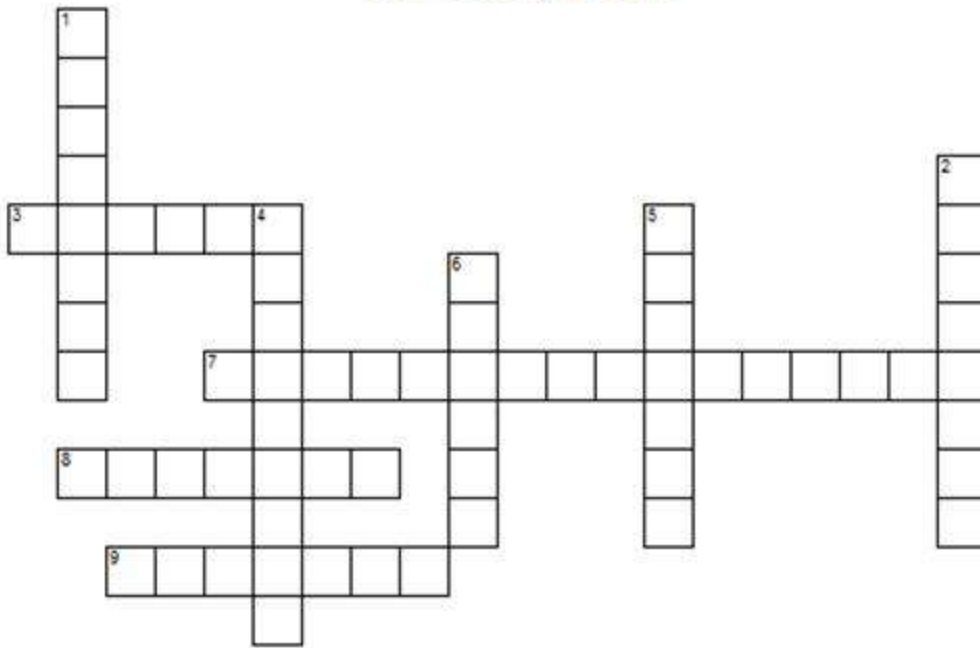
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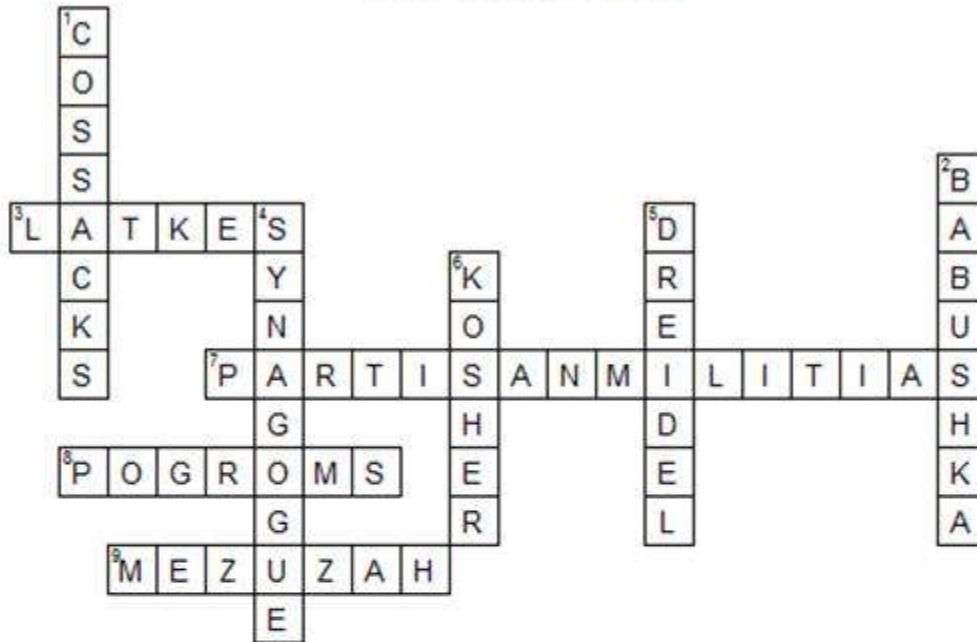
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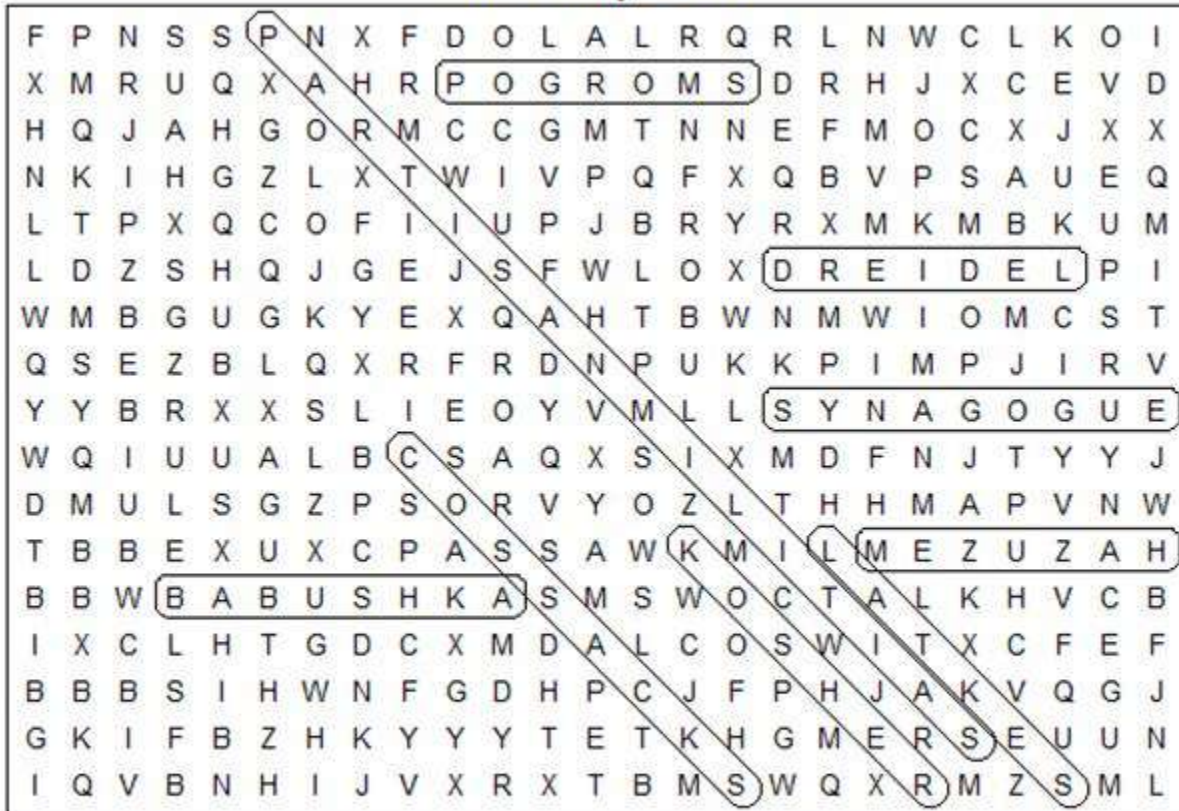
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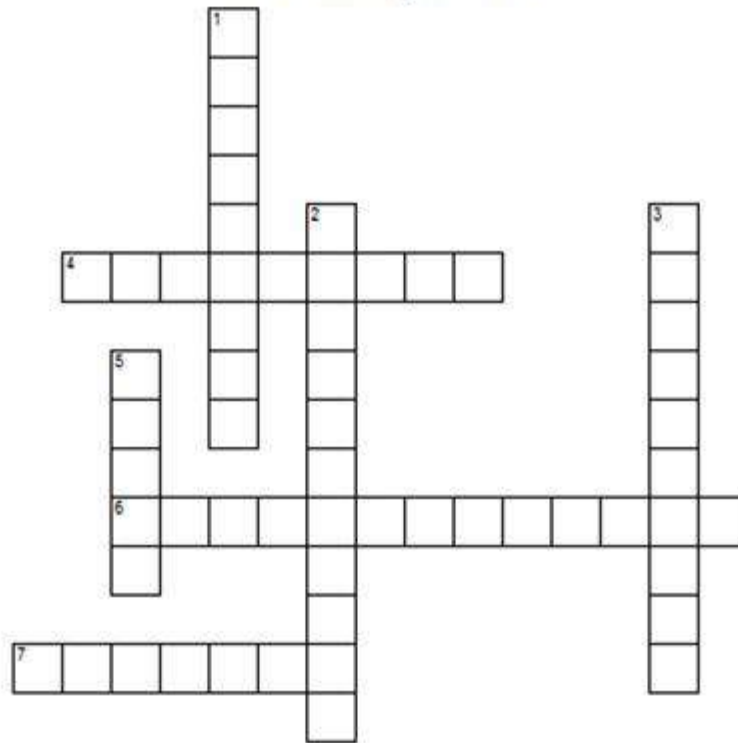
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\_\_\_\_\_ collaborators \_\_\_\_\_

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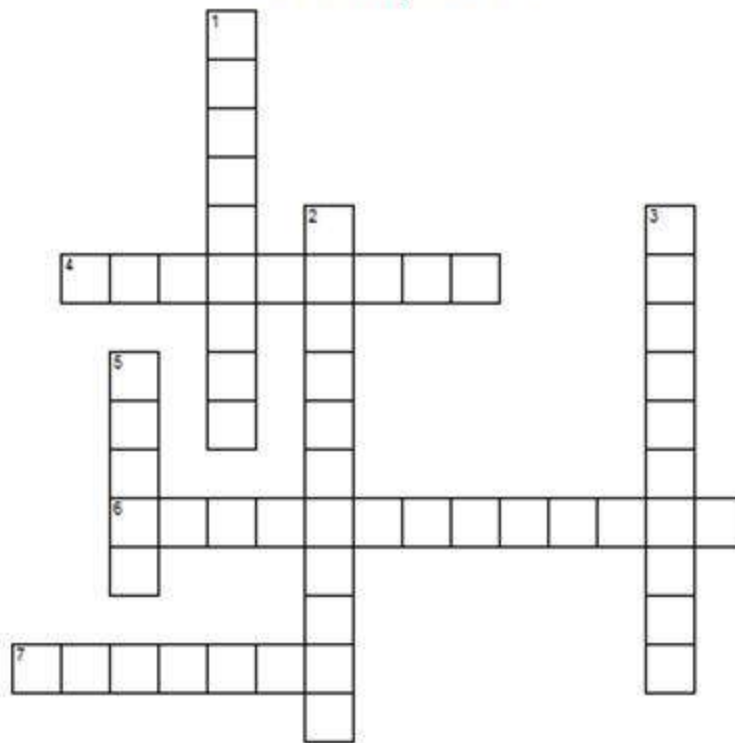
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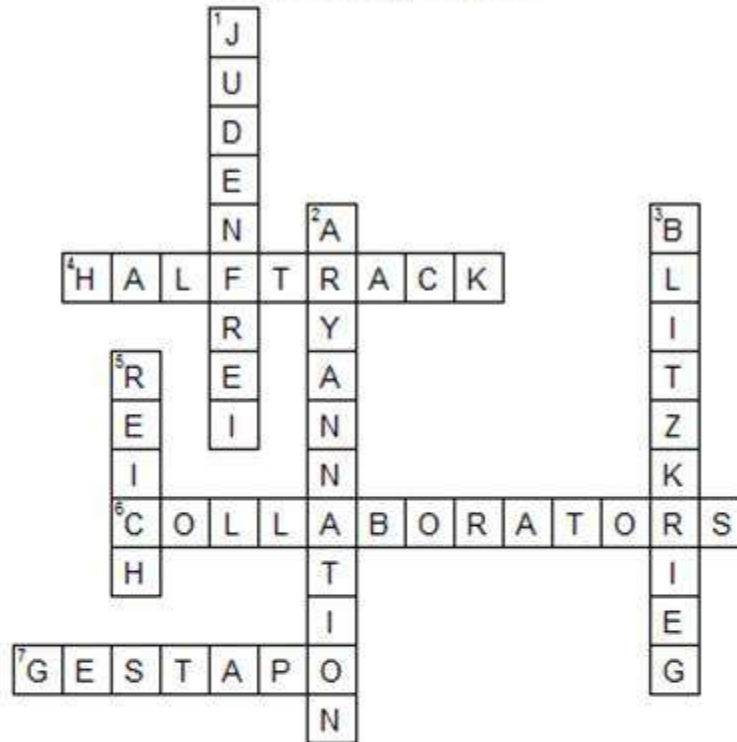
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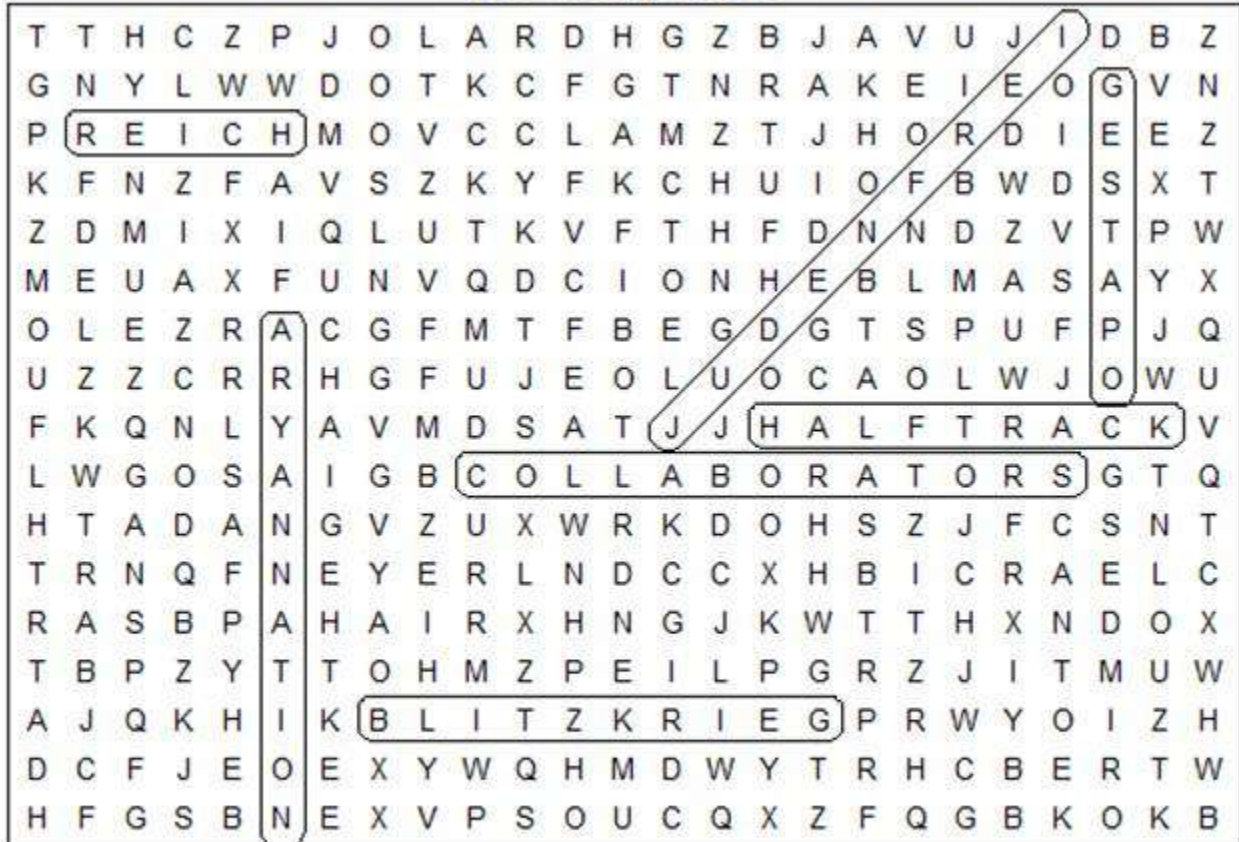
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