

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answers.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:*
Because politicians, scientists, and artists often question what they are told.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Her mother had sewn coins into her coat and burned the family photos. Her father had not returned from work and her brother was asking questions. Her mother and father knew that the NKVD would come to their house, and they were planning to escape.
- 2 The NKVD come to the house to deport the family.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Because they are unique, so he will know that she has drawn them and they can help him find her.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:*
Andrius's mother says, "I've told him again and again that his father . . ." and doesn't finish her sentence. This means his father might be dead.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Because a handkerchief won't break when being passed from hand to hand.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:*
Because she does not want to do what the NKVD say, and she is proud of being Lithuanian.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Because she wants the NKVD to think that Andrius is stupid and not able to work.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:*
Because their father is intelligent, and understands right from wrong.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 He thinks that the NKVD want the prisoners to grow food and build things for them.
- 2 He wrote a letter to somebody and the NKVD found it.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Mrs. Arvydas and Andrius.
- 2 She paid a woman a coin that she had sewn into her coat.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Because the letters have been censored, and talking about the Bible is a way for the man to say his true message.
- 2 He has not eaten enough fruit or vegetables, and now he has scurvy.
- 3 She hides it under her drawing paper.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 They have come to surprise Lina on her birthday.
- 2 So that she can read the book he gives her, because it is written in Russian.
- 3 Because Lina, Jonas, and their mother are being moved, but Andrius and his mother are not. He and Lina cannot stay together.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Because he was probably helping people who were in danger.
- 2 She gives them to Andrius to keep.
- 3 *Model answer:* Because he needs to believe that being free is possible.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 To build a fish and bread hut, and collect wood from the barge.
- 2 Because they do not want the Americans to learn what they are really doing to the prisoners.

- 3 Because Lina's father helped her and her family to escape.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 Because she has learned that Lina's father is dead.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Because he does not agree with what is happening, and does not want to kill people.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 Because he is ill and does not want to make everybody else sick.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Because he liked Lina's mother and feels sad.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Lina asks if it is easier to die, because staying alive is hard.
- 2 Because she always believed that they would return home.
- 3 It means "beautiful, strong, and unique," and Lina is upset because she hates Kretzsky.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

- 1 Two builders.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Andrius believes that good people have the power to stop bad people.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Lina is confident and brave. She loves her family, and will do anything for them.
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*

- 3 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Maybe he died, or left the country.
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 false. Lina's father had not come home from work.
- 2 false. Jonas has the same smile as his mother.
- 3 true
- 4 false. They have twenty minutes, or they will not live to see the morning.
- 5 true
- 6 true
- 7 false. Some of them are friends of Lina's father.
- 8 false. The watch belonged to Jonas's grandfather.

CHAPTERS TWO AND THREE

- 2 1 There were so many people around us **carrying** suitcases and bags.
- 2 People ate the food that they **had brought**.
- 3 "You **must** be quiet," said Father.
- 4 One person **was allowed** out of the train car to collect the buckets of water and porridge.
- 5 But sometimes good things **happened**.
- 6 Andrius **had taught** him a few Russian words that I had heard the NKVD use.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 3 1 e 2 f 3 a 4 d 5 b 6 c

CHAPTER FIVE

- 4 1 dark 2 rations
- 3 contact 4 punishment
- 5 translated 6 dropped

CHAPTER SIX

- 5 1 **When** we arrived back at the hut, I inspected my suitcase, thinking of the dead man.
- 2 My mouth dropped **as** the words continued to fly out of his mouth.
- 3 You don't know how much I hate myself. **How** every day I think of ending my life so that she can be free.
- 4 She had carried them **since** we were taken.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 6 1 Lina
- 2 Andrius
- 3 Lina
- 4 Mother
- 5 Andrius
- 6 The officer with the gold tooth
- 7 Lina

CHAPTERS EIGHT AND NINE

- 7 1 Andrius is **angry** when Lina steals the document.
- 2 They are **scared** that the officers will take the food back.
- 3 The hut is **crowded**.
- 4 Lina thinks Andrius's face is **handsome**.
- 5 The NKVD are **disgusting**.
- 6 He needs to know that being **free** is possible.

CHAPTER TEN

- 8 1 **The bald man** thinks that they will die.
- 2 **Janina's mother** tries to hurt her daughter.
- 3 **Jonas** goes fishing.
- 4 **Lina** draws pictures of things to eat.
- 5 **Kretzsky** gives them some wood.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 9 The wind and snow created a ¹**roar** of white noise. Mother tried to help ²**clear** the snow with stolen ³**shovels**, but she looked tired, like a part of her had died. November 20 was Andrius's birthday. I had ⁴**counted** the days carefully. I woke up and ⁵**wished** him a happy birthday in my head. At night, I read from the Dickens book that he had given me. I ⁶**skimmed** forward through the pages and suddenly noticed something.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 10 1 By December, small children began dying.
- 2 I grabbed its wing and pulled it back to the hut.
- 3 She mostly lay on her side with her hair frozen to the floor.
- 4 If I could get some medicine, then maybe she would be OK.
- 5 Mother's teeth shook, and her mouth turned blue.
- 6 I want to bury her so the wild animals won't eat her.

CHAPTERS THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN

- 11 1 Lina said (that) she didn't think so.
- 2 Lina said (that) they would remember this.
- 3 She said to Kretzsky that she didn't want to draw for him.
- 4 Kretzsky said that he was sorry for her mother.
- 5 Miss Grybas said that they had to work today.
- 6 He explained that he had been sent to inspect the camps.

Project work

Reader's own answers.