

Is it harder to do something dangerous or to wait for someone else to do it? Why?
What makes waiting difficult?

Chapter 13

What happened to Mama?
What did Annemarie find at the base of the steps?
Was it fair for Mama to ask Annemarie to do something so dangerous?
Would you have been willing to take the packet without knowing what was in it? Why or Why not?

Chapter 14

What story did Annemarie think of as she ran through the woods?
Why had Uncle Henrik needed to guide the others?
What did Annemarie hear? What caused the noise?

Chapter 15

How did Annemarie act toward the soldiers?
Why did the dogs act strangely?
What was in the package?
Did Annemarie get to the boat on time?
Were you surprised to see what was in the package?
Why do you think the handkerchief was so important?

Chapter 16

Why did Uncle Henrik agree to tell Annemarie about the Rosens?
What did Annemarie learn about Peter?
Why did the soldiers search the boats?
What does the word brave mean to you?
Do all wars end? Explain?

Chapter 17

How old was Annemarie when the war ended?
What happened to Peter/
What did Annemarie learn about Lise?
Where had Annemarie hidden Ellen's necklace?
If Lise had told her parents what she was doing, do you think they would have let her continue?
Do you think young people should get involved in resistance movements? Why or Why not?
Why do you think Annemarie wanted to wear Ellen's necklace?

General

What is your general opinion about the book. Write a one paragraph opinion.

Chapter 6

What had Papa hoped would happen?

Why did Mama say it was safer if she and girls traveled alone?

Why was Papa's telephone conversation strange? What did it mean?

What did Kirstie tell the soldiers?

Is education more important than safety? Does the answer change if you think long term?

Are dreams ever dangerous or harmful? If so, when?

Chapter 7

What was Uncle Henrik's boat called?

What did Mama warn Ellen and Annemarie about?

What does it mean to look at something with fresh eyes? Can you think of an example?

Chapter 8

What special treat did the girls have for breakfast?

To what did the code phrase, "Weather for fishing" refer?

What sad event did Uncle Henrik mention? Why was Annemarie confused?

Why are ghost stories told at night? What makes the dark frightening?

Chapter 9

How did Uncle Henrik answer Annemarie's accusation?

Was Great-aunt Birte real?

Who came in with Peter?

How brave are you?

Is it possible to be brave and frightened at the same time?

Why did Uncle Henrik say it was better not to know everything? Do you agree?

Chapter 10

What did the soldiers ask Annemarie?

How did Mama explain the closed coffin?

Can true bonds of friendship be broken?

How does the Bible verse that Peter read relate to Annemarie and Ellen's situation?

Chapter 11

What was inside the coffin?

What did Mama give the baby?

What caused the commotion at the doorstep?

Why do you think Peter called Mama by her first name? What did it symbolize?

Annemarie described Peter's comment as, "Only a brief gasp at something that had gone." Explain.

What is pride?

Chapter 12

How long did Annemarie think Mama would be gone?

Why was Mama late?

Number the Stars

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(Questions from Words aptly spoken, classical Literature for Children, Volume A)

Chapter 1

Why didn't Ellen want to race Annemarie?

What stopped the girls' race?

Did Annemarie and Ellen tell their mothers what happened?

Why wasn't Kirstie afraid of the soldiers?

Why did Mrs. Rosen advise Annemarie to be "one of the crowd"?

Chapter 2

Who was the ruler of Denmark? Why did the people love him?

Why did it make Annemarie sad to think about Lise?

What was the one country the Germans did not occupy?

Would people today die for their leaders? Why or Why not?

Do you think King Christian was right to surrender to the Germans? Explain.

Do fairytales ever change? If not, why not? If so, how?

Can you think of anything that doesn't change? Does that mean it is out of date?

Chapter 3

Why did Ellen's father dislike the wintertime?

What did the girls find at Mrs Hirsch's button shop?

What news did Peter bring?

What does the swastika mean to you? What do you think it means to someone from Germany?

Did it harm the Germans to have Jews in business?

Annemarie said, all of Denmark must be bodyguard for the Jews. Explain. Do you agree?

Have you ever been called on for courage? How did you feel about the experience?

Chapter 4

After what book did Annemarie and Ellen name their paper dolls?

Why did Kirstie throw a temper tantrum? How did Ellen get her to stop?

Why did Kirstie remember the fireworks? Was Mama right to lie to her?

What did relocation really mean for the jews?

Chapter 5

What did Ellen want to be when she grew up?

How did Lise die?

What awakened the girls? What did the soldiers want to know?

Do you think of rain as happy or as sad? Why does the weather influence your emotions?

How did Papa know to get the pictures? Is it difficult to think quickly in an emergency?

How could Papa be so calm under pressure?