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Bloom's Book Report Example for *Number the Stars*

Carefully read all the directions on the Bloom's Book Report Handout listed on the website under the tab "Book Reports."

Answer ANY combination of 10 questions from the Knowledge and the Comprehension section combined.

Then answer ONLY 1 question from EACH of the other sections (Application, Analysis, Synthesis, and Evaluation) with a quality paragraph of 5 or more sentences unless you answer an activity that asks you to list or draw.

Write or type the section and the number of the question you are answering. If you do a drawing or creative work question, put it on a separate piece of paper. Do NOT write on the back of your paper. DO put the report in a folder or design a cover for the report. If you do an art work or creative design, and it will not fit in the report, be sure to write your name on it and turn it in with the completed report. Typing is preferable, and use Times New Roman 12 pt. font, double-spaced. If you hand write the report, write neatly on one side of the paper. The Fowler late work policy will be strictly adhered to.

Knowledge

1.

The country of Denmark saved nearly all the Jewish people in Denmark during WW II by sending them to Sweden.

During Nazi occupied Denmark in WW II, the people had food rationing that limited their supplies of butter, sugar, tea, and coffee. Electricity was also rationed.

The Danes had an illegal newspaper called De Frie Danske . The Danish Jewish read the paper to find out what was going on.

The Danish Resistance movement saved many people.

Denmark surrendered to Germany because King Christian knew their small army could not fight without being destroyed. The Danes sank their own navy in Copenhagen harbor to prevent the Germans from taking over the ships for their use.

On the New Year of the Jewish High Holidays in 1943, the rabbis warned the people that the Germans were going to take them and “relocate” them.

Swedish scientists created a powder of dried rabbit’s blood and cocaine to numb the sense of smell of the Nazis police dogs.

2.

Annemarie, age 10, has blond hair and is lanky. She is wise beyond her years and kind to her mother, father, sister, and Ellen. Ellen is Jewish. She is 10 years old with dark hair she wears in pigtails. She wears a Star of David around her neck. Kirsti is Annemarie's sister. She is five years old and she is stubborn. Peter was engaged to Annemarie's sister, Lise, until she was killed by Nazis due to her work in the Danish Resistance. Peter is in the Danish Resistance and helps Ellen and her parents.

3.

Trousseau [troo-soh] Personal possessions such as clothes and household items of a bride.

Gnarled [nahrld] twisted

Ruefully [roo-fuh ly] regretfully

Implored [im-plawr ed] begged, beseeched

Brusque [bruhsq;] blunt, unpleasantly curt

7. and 10.

The story takes place in Copenhagen, Denmark. The time period of the story is 1943 during World War II when the Nazis were occupying Denmark. Some of the main events take place on Uncle Henrik's farm in Gilleleje outside of Copenhagen just across the sea from Sweden. Many Danes rescued Jewish people living in Denmark and helped them get safely to Sweden.

9.

Other books the author, Lois Lowry, has written that I would be interested in reading include a quartet series : The Giver, Gathering Blue, Messenger , and Son.

Comprehension

12.

I did not like the Nazis in the book. They were cruel and mean to the characters when they invaded their home and frightened the children. They slapped Mrs. Johansen, terrorized Annemarie, and killed many innocent people.

14.

The author's purpose was to show how the Danes rescued Jewish people in WW II by helping them escape to Sweden. She wanted to show how a group of people in a small place came together to honor the humanity of the Jewish people.

15.

If I could continue the story I would tell how Ellen and her family lived until the war ended. I would tell how Ellen and Annemarie were reunited and how Annemarie gave the Star of David necklace back to Ellen.

20.

The main character, Annemarie, wondered if she would be brave enough to risk her life for someone. She thought about how frightened she was of the Nazis and what it

meant to be brave and show courage. She thought about King Christian and how his bravery saved lives.

Application

30.

Dear Alice,

I want to let you know about a book I think you would really enjoy. The book is *Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry. She is a well known author who wrote *The Giver* quartet. *Number the Stars* is about a girl named Annemarie and her family. They live in Copenhagen, Denmark during the Nazi occupation in World War II. The interesting thing about the book is that Annemarie has a Jewish friend named Ellen. They are very close, like sisters. They share each other's secrets and have fun playing together. Another interesting thing is that Annemarie is very wise beyond her years. This proves to be a very good quality because she is called upon to do something very brave to help Ellen.

The book is full of literary devices such as allusion, flashback, personification, and foreshadowing. The theme is illustrated beautifully through the character of Annemarie. I don't want to give it away but trust me, you will really enjoy reading this book because it is very well written.

The book is exciting and a real page turner. You will want to read it without stopping in order to find out what happens to Ellen and her family when they have to escape

from the Germans. Let's get together and talk about the book as soon as you finish it!

I can't wait to discuss this book with you.

Love,

Your friend

Analysis

41.

The main idea of the book is about how the courage and resolve of an ordinary person can change the world. This is shown through the characters of Annemarie, her parents, and Peter. Peter is in the Danish Resistance and works to help smuggle Jewish people in Denmark to Sweden. Annemarie is thoughtful about the bravery of King Christian. She first thinks only important people in the Resistance and the army would be called upon to show bravery. Later, she realizes that an ordinary person can be called upon to show courage, too. She and her parents illustrate the theme of how ordinary people who believe in human decency can show courage to change the world.

Synthesis

48.

Annemarie,

Brave, loyal, and determined.

Wise beyond her years

With a full and loving heart.

True friend, devoted daughter,

Showing compassion and courage.

Evaluation

61.

The title is a good one because it is an allusion from Psalm 147 from the Bible. The psalm talks about how God has unlimited abilities and even though there are so many people on earth, God has the power to name them all and recognize every person. Annemarie thinks about how many stars are in the sky and she wonders how anyone could number them one by one. She thinks all the people, of all religions, are important to God. The title also connects to the symbol of the Jews, the Star of David.