
Number the Stars

Chapter 1: Why Are You Running?

1. Explain the setting: where, when, what is happening.
2. Why is it important to NOT be remembered by the soldiers?

Chapter 2: Who Is the Man Who Rides Past?

1. Why does Peter Neilsen still stop by Annemarie's house?
2. Why hasn't Peter married someone else by this time?
3. Why has Peter changed?

Chapter 3: Where Is Mrs. Hirsch?

1. Why is electricity and other goods being rationed?
2. Why do you think the Nazis are closing down Jewish businesses?
3. Is the Nazi treatment of the Jewish people fair?
4. What could the people of Denmark do to help the Jewish people?

Chapter 4. It Will Be a Long Night

1. Why do the Danish people have to "draw the black curtains" (39) across the windows at night?
2. Why did Ellen's parents have to leave?
3. Why didn't Ellen's parents take her with them?
4. Is Annemarie's father happy Ellen is staying with them?

Chapter 5: Who is the Dark-Haired One?

1. Write 3 questions of your own.

Chapter 6: Is the Weather Good for Fishing?

1. Annemarie stated that there were no cigarettes in Denmark, so what were Mr. Johanson and Uncle Henrik speaking about?
2. Why have Mrs. Johanson and the girls gone to visit Uncle Henrik?
3. Why didn't Mr. Johanson go with Mrs. Johanson and the girls?

Chapter 7: The House by the Sea

1. Describe what the author means by the phrase "fresh eyes" (60).
2. Why can't the girls be seen by anyone?
3. Why was there no laughter in Uncle Henrik's house on this evening?

Chapter 8: There has Been a Death

1. Why do you think that Uncle Henrik believes that it will be such a great day for fishing?
2. Why doesn't Annemarie remember who Aunt Birdie is?

Chapter 9: Why are You Lying?

1. What did Uncle Henrik mean when he stated, "it is much easier to be brave if you do not know everything" (76)?
2. Give an example from your life of when you felt the way Annemarie felt on page 79; the author described this feeling as follows, "in that moment, with that look, they became equals"?
3. Where do you think Ellen's parents have been?
4. Why are they with Peter Neilsen?
5. Who, or what, is in the casket?

Chapter 10: Let Us Open the Casket

1. Why did the soldier ask Annemarie who died?
2. If Annemarie's mother was so concerned about getting germs from Aunt Birdie, why did she want to open the casket for the soldiers?
3. Why are they opening the casket now that the soldiers have left?

Chapter 11: Will We See You Again Soon, Peter?

1. What did Peter give the baby? Why?
2. Why was the mother so upset that Peter insisted on giving it to the infant?
3. What did Annemarie mean when she stated (on page 94), "so there were other sources, too, of pride, and they had not left everything behind"?

Chapter 12: Where was Mama?

1. What has happened to Annemarie's mother?
2. What should Annemarie do?
3. What would Annemarie's mother want her to do?

Chapter 13 Run! As Fast as You Can!

1. What is wrapped in the paper?
2. On page 104, Annemarie's mother states, "it may have all been for nothing". Explain this statement.
3. Do you think Annemarie will make it?
4. If you were in Annemarie's position, what would you do if you ran into the soldiers?

Chapter 14: On the Dark Path

1. Why did Annemarie spend her time thinking about the story she always told her sister?
2. What will Annemarie do at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 15 My Dogs Smell Meat

1. Why did the soldiers destroy Uncle Henrik's lunch?
2. Did Uncle Henrik need the package Annemarie brought to him, or was he just being polite to her? Explain your answer.
3. Where did all the Jewish people go?

Chapter 16: I Will Tell You Just a Little

1. Create your own definition for bravery.
2. What would have happened to the Jewish people on the boat if the Germans would have found them?
3. Is Annemarie a hero? Explain your answer very carefully.

Chapter 17: All This Long Time

1. What was the resistance?
2. Why didn't the Germans like the resistance?
3. Why is Annemarie planning on wearing Ellen's necklace?
4. Why didn't Annemarie have her father fix it a long time ago and

wear it then?

Chapter 18: Afterword

- 1.** Explain and give examples of why the Danish people are to be looked upon as heroes for what they did during WWII.
 - 2.** What do you believe inspired Kim Malthe-Bruun to write the letter he did the day before his execution?
 - 3.** Explain the message Kim Malthe-Bruun wanted readers to leave with.
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