

If I Should Die Before I Wake - 7th Grade Reading Comprehension Questions

Due: Monday, May 24th, 2021. *Remember to answer in complete sentences or points will be deducted.*

1. What emotion would best fit Hilary at the beginning of the novel?
2. Where is Hilary?
3. Why is Hilary at the hospital?
4. What message did Hilary and her friends paint on the Jewish headstones?
5. What did Brad, Billy H, and Chucky B do to Simon?
6. Why doesn't Hilary like Jews?
7. What was sown on the Polish clothing to identify them as Jews?
8. What did Chana have to use to scrub the stairs?
9. Why did Chana stop doing her fathers shoveling?
10. What does Hilary's mother bring to the hospital?
11. Was Brad drunk the night of the accident?
12. Why had the night of the accident been a special night?
13. What does "sitting shiva" refer to?
14. How did Jakub's friend Mosze die?
15. Chana played the violin. What instrument did Tata play?
16. What did Chana's family do with Nadzia?
17. What did Bubbe send with Nadzia?
18. Why was Nadzia allowed to escape while others couldn't?
19. What was Bubbe's special gift?
20. From the time her dad dies until she was 15, what color did Hilary wear?
21. Why didn't Hilary's mother take care of her as a child?
22. What did Hilary's teacher have to say about her?
23. What describes Chana's home in the ghetto at Lodz?
24. Where did Zayde and Jakub work while in Lodz?
25. When the Krengiels moved in they wanted both cots for themselves. What is an excuse they didn't give?
26. Why didn't Mr. Krengiel lose weight like the rest of them?
27. How did Anya get more food for the family?
28. How was Jakub trying to help his fellow Jews?
29. What happened to Schmulek and Chajmek when they tried to escape?
30. Why did Hilary hate Simon?
31. Who were the first loaded onto the Military trucks?
32. Chairman Rumkowski announced all children under what age were to be handed over?
33. Where does Chana suggest they hide instead of sending Anya away?
34. Why was the hole to Chana's secret hideout boarded up?
35. What did the Germans promise to give Chana if she told her real name and where she got her papers?
36. Why did Bubbe and Chana not mind the second prison they were in?
37. Where were Bubbe and Chana taken on the train?
38. What was causing the bad smell at the concentration camp?
39. On the day Chana woke up sick, what job was she given to do?
40. Who adopted Chana as her mother?
41. Why had Dvora changed and become obedient to the Nazis?

42. How had Chana survived in the end?
43. What does Chana ask Hilary to do?
44. How had Simon survived?
45. What does Nadzia give to Chana?