

Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps

Possible Journal Topics

Chapter 1

Name three adjectives that describe Jack. Would you choose him to be your friend? Why?

Chapter 2

List the ways Jack experiences antisemitism. When have you observed discrimination?

Chapter 3

What are the advantages of having a good attitude in a bad situation?

Chapter 4

Why is being afraid a form of punishment? How does being afraid affect you?

Chapter 5

Why did the Nazis choose to identify the prisoners by a number rather than by their names? How would that make you feel?

Chapter 6

By giving Jack a biscuit, Aaron was extremely kind to Jack. Tell about a time when someone was kind to you.

Chapter 7

Chapter 7 is called "The Game." Do you agree that surviving life in a concentration camp is like a game?

Chapter 8

Everybody has bad days (although not as bad as Jack had in Gross Rosen). What do you do to get through the bad days?

Chapter 9

What can we learn from Jack's character from the choices he made to survive?

Chapter 10

Moniek and Jack could have lost their lives for stealing food. Was it worth the risk?

Chapter 11

Is it ever all right to steal or lie or cheat? Explain your opinion.

Chapter 12

Why do people cry when they are happy? Tell about a time you cried or felt like crying when you were happy.

Chapter 13

What were the pros and cons of remaining in Europe after the war?

Chapter 14

Why should we remember the Holocaust?