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*Milkweed* Homework Questions Mrs. Seemayer

Directions: Answer the questions for the chapters you read on a **SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER**. Hand in your homework each **Thursday.**

**Chapter 1**

1. 1. What are the earliest memories described in this brief chapter?
2. 2. Do you think this character is a boy or girl? Why do you think he/she is a thief?
3. 3. The story takes place in Warsaw. What Country is Warsaw located in?

**Chapter 2**

1. 1. How does the main character of the story meet Uri?
2. 2. What does the character say his/her name is?
3. 3. Who are the Jackboots?

**Chapter 3**

1. 1. Where does the main character meet the group of boys?
2. 2. Why are the boys there?
3. 3. What do we learn about the main character?
4. 4. What do you think will happen to the boy? What clues are given that indicate this?

**Chapter 4**

1. 1. Why were people making and moving sandbags?
2. 2. Why do the people in the streetcar tell the boys to get off?
3. 3. Why do you think Uri tells the boy to, “Take only what you need
4. 4. Why did everyone leave the streetcar?
5. *5.* Why do you think the boys took the streetcar for a joyride?

**Chapter 5**

1. 1. Why were the air raid sirens silent the day the Nazis marched into Warsaw?
2. 2. Why do you think the boy was happy to see the Jackboots?
3. 3. Why do you think everyone else was somber the arrival of the Jackboots?

**Chapter 6**

1. 1. What does Uri do when the boy talks to the soldiers about the barbershop?
2. 2. What does the boy finally realize at the end of the chapter?

**Chapter 7**

1. 1. How does the boy get a real name and a past?

**Chapter 8**

1. 1. When Misha attends Janina’s birthday party why does he steal the cake?
2. 2. Why are mobs of people painting yellow stars on stores?
3. 3. What is Misha glad about?

**Chapter 9**

1. 1. Where does Uri take the extra bread that Misha steals? Why?
2. 2. Why do you think Misha,Uri and the other boys from the stable are not living at the orphanage?

**Chapter 10**

1. 1. Who shoots at Misha and why?
2. 2. What does Misha want to believe in? What does Uri believe in?

**Chapter 11**

1. 1. Why are all the trees disappearing?
2. 2. Uri and later Misha find black pearls and give them to the orphanage. What are black pearls?

**Chapter 12**

1. 1. Why do you think Uri tells Misha to be “invisible”?

**Chapter 13**

1. 1. After Misha gets thrown off the Merry-go-round how do the other boys and girls treat him?
2. 2. Why does Doctor Korczak pull Misha inside the orphanage when he tries to get the children for a ride on the Merry-go-round?

**Chapter 14**

1. 1. Does the lack of evidence about the broken horse on the Merry-go-round stop the people from finding a suspect? Why do they automatically think it’s a Jew?

**Chapter 15**

1. 1. Why is Misha invisible to all the Jews going to the ghetto except for Doctor Korczak and Janina’s family?
2. 2. Why did most people refuse Misha’s offer of a bite of his sausage?

**Chapter 16**

1. 1. What is being built and why?
2. 2. What did Janina’s father, Mr. Milgrom do for a living?

**Chapter 17**

1. 1. Who do you think might have turned in the boys at the stable?
2. 2. What type of work do Janina’s parents do after entering the ghetto?
3. 3. Why does Misha think he’s a lucky orphan?

**Chapter 18**

1. 1. What does Misha notice that everyone else is ignoring?
2. 2. What do you think happened to the shoes and socks of the dead people on the street?

**Chapter 19**

1. 1. Why are the horses disappearing?
2. 2. Name three other unusual sources of food people resort to.
3. 3. What does Misha find that brings him hope?

**Chapter 20**

1. 1. What did Mr. Milgrom give Misha when the soldiers arrived? Why?
2. 2. How did the Nazi soldiers torture the people in the ghetto?

**Chapter 21**

1. 1. Who are the Flops?
2. 2. Why was Big Henryk caught?

**Chapter 22**

1. 1. There was news throughout the ghetto about Himmler coming. Who is Himmler?

**Chapter 23**

1. 1. Name three things you can remember about the Flop that hated Misha.
2. 2. How did Misha escape Buffo?

**Chapter 24**

1. Is there a cow? Explain your opinion.

**Chapter 25**

1. 1. Misha goes through a crack in the wall to smuggle at night. How do the other boys get across?

**Chapter 26**

1. 1. What nearly happened to Misha and Janina at the hotel?
2. 2. Who does Misha share his food with?

**Chapter 27**

1. 1. Why were the boys walloping each other?
2. 2. What day was it?
3. 3. Why is Sunday significant?

**Chapter 28**

1. 1. What do flies and crows have in common?
2. 2. Why does Mr. Milgrom tell Misha and Janina to stop smuggling?

**Chapter 29**

1. 1. What is the new way the Nazis are trying to stop the smugglers?

**Chapter 30**

1. 1. Does Janina stop smuggling when her father tells her “NO”?
2. 2. Why did someone try to steal Janina’s shoes?
3. 3. How do Janina and Misha react to the milkweed plant?

**Chapter 31**

1. 1. Why can Uri work at the hotel and not be discovered for a Jew?
2. 2. Why do you think Olek was hung?

**Chapter 32**

1. 1. What do you think Mrs. Milgrom died of?

**Chapter 33**

1. 1. What did Mr. Milgrom give the new family who moved into the apartment with them?
2. 2. Why did the people mob the burnt cow?

**Chapter 34**

1. 1. What does Mr. Milgrom give Misha and Janina for Hanukkah?
2. 2. What finally makes Janina happy?

**Chapter 35**

1. 1. Why does Janina tease the Flops?

**Chapter 36**

1. 1. What does Uri tell Misha to do?

**Chapter 37**

1. 1. What do Janina and Misha hear when they return from smuggling?
2. 2. What do some people think about being taken away in trains?

**Chapter 38**

1. 1. What does the old man tell the people living in the Ghetto?
2. 2. How do most people respond to what the old man says?

**Chapter 39**

1. 1. Why does Janina run for the trains?
2. 2. Why does Uri beat and shoot Misha? (Uri is working for the Nazis and he beats Misha and shoots his ear to leave him for dead instead of putting him in the boxcar)

**Chapter 40**

1. 1. Where is Misha going?

**Chapter 41**

1. 1. Why is Misha not making sense?

**Chapter 42**

1. 1. How do the farmer and his wife treat Misha when he first arrives?

**Chapter 43**

1. 1. How does the way the farmer and his wife treat Misha change?
2. 2. What does Misha learn about after the end of the war?
3. 3. What does he think of Uri?

**Chapter 44**

1. 1. How does Misha’s name change again and what is it?
2. 2. Jack Milgrom tells his story everywhere he goes. Does anyone listen? Who?

3. Why does he stop telling his story?

**Chapter 45**

1. 1. Who gives Jack his real identity?
2. 2. Why do you think he never told anyone about his sister Janina with all his story telling?