

Mrs. Haas' 8th Grade

Summer Reading

Resistance

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

From Goodreads.com - *Chaya Lindner is a teenager living in Nazi-occupied Poland. Simply being Jewish places her in danger of being killed or sent to the camps. After her little sister is taken away, her younger brother disappears, and her parents all but give up hope, Chaya is determined to make a difference. Using forged papers and her fair features, Chaya becomes a courier and travels between the Jewish ghettos of Poland, smuggling food, papers, and even people.*

Soon Chaya joins a resistance cell that runs raids on the Nazis' supplies. But after a mission goes terribly wrong, Chaya's network shatters. She is alone and unsure of where to go, until Esther, a member of her cell, finds her and delivers a message that chills Chaya to her core, and sends her on a journey toward an even larger uprising in the works — in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Though the Jewish resistance never had much of a chance against the Nazis, they were determined to save as many lives as possible, and to live — or die — with honor.

Attached you will find a list of reflection prompts. Please write a complete paragraph for each prompt (topic, body and conclusion sentences, 2+ reflections and a quote). The quote included in the prompt doesn't count; please find your own. Please proofread your reflections and avoid simple mistakes in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, etc.. Create an organized Google doc for these reflections and share it directly with me - ahaas@abramsonline.org. Enjoy the book - it's great!

Resistance - Reflections prompts

1. Chapter 2 - What does the following quote reveal about Papa?
"Afterward, he avoided going out on the streets, and if he had to, then he walked with his eyes down, hands stuffed in his pockets" (Nielsen 13).
2. Chapter 5 - Think about the following quote; what does it tell us about the resistance fighters? "Perhaps we were only fleas nipping at the heels of a giant, but if our actions stopped the giant from crushing everything within his path for even a moment, then it was worth it" (Nielsen 39).
3. Chapter 10 - The does the following quote reveal about the significance of the setting? "The main entry gate was between two tall archways with the Star of David on top. The concrete walls that stretched out from either side were also arches, designed to look like a series of Jewish gravestones" (Nielsen 74).
4. Chapter 11 - What does this quote say about Chaya? "Why wouldn't they want to live for *my* sake?" (Nielsen 83).
5. Chapter 17 - How do you feel about this argument? "What good is faith if you're dead?" and the response "What good is life without faith?" (Nielsen 139).
6. Chapter 20 - How does Chaya respond to Esther's comment about her? "It's like you have two separate personalities" (Nielsen 160).
7. Chapter 22 - How does the quote "The animal who wanders free has no idea what is happening to the one caught in the trap" relate to the man Chaya and Esther meet on the road? (Nielsen 175).
8. Chapter 31 - What does this quote teach us about the strength and hope of Chaya - and even all humanity? "...Not because life was easy or happiness was guaranteed, or because we had any chance of waking up to find all our problems were over. No, life offered good things because life

itself is good" (Nielsen 247).

9. Chapter 34 - What does Yitzchak mean when he says, "It's proof of my humanity. It allows me, just for a length of that song, to remember who I really am, no matter what surrounds me"? (Nielsen 272).

10. Chapter 37 - What does this quote reveal about the German soldiers? "From outside the ghetto walls, we heard orders shout for soldiers to come in and retrieve their injured. We waited, listened, and nothing happened. Nothing happened. How could that be? Those were direct orders. Where were the soldiers who'd been ordered in?" (Nielsen 293).

11. Chapter 49 - How would historians be wrong if they "might say that the Jews lost every uprising we attempted in this war, that every resistance movement failed"? (Nielsen 375).

12. Afterward - Explain "Love is the resistance" (Nielsen 385).