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Questions:

1. Why did Liesel scavenge from garbage pails on the days she went on her laundry route?

2. How did Max make time pass as he spent days and weeks in the Hubermanns’ basement?

3. Why was Liesel outraged against the mayor’s wife?

4. Why didn’t Rosa Hubermann punish Liesel after learning how Liesel had insulted the mayor’s wife?

5. Why had Viktor Chemmel assumed the leadership of the gang of thieves?

6. Why was Tommy Müller punished during the Hitler Youth drill? Why was Rudy Steiner punished along with him?

7. Why did Liesel and Rudy feel compelled to commit a significant robbery by themselves?

8. What evidence showed that almost all of the German population was suffering under the Nazi regime?

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why do you suppose the narrator flashed forward to Rudy Steiner’s death? Do you think this knowledge improves or lessens your appreciation of the book? Explain.

2. How do you think Max and Liesel felt about one another?

3. In your opinion, did Ilse Hermann deserve Liesel’s anger? Explain.

4. Do you think Rudy deserved the punishment he received at Franz’s hands? Could he have avoided it? Explain.

Literary Devices:

I. Symbolism—

What did Max’s over-written pages of *Mein Kampf*symbolize?

Find your own example of symbolism in this section.  Write down the page number, the quote, and what is being symbolized.

Predict what will happen in the story. Write your predictions and explanations in response to each of the following questions:

• Will Rosa and Hans survive the war? Explain.

• Will the Nazis capture Max? Explain.

• Will there be serious consequences from Liesel’s last encounter with the mayor’s wife? Explain.