

Directions: Please respond to each of the questions while reading *Resistance* to help you engage with the most important aspects of the text. When working with the vocabulary questions, I suggest reading the sentence, using context clues to determine the meaning, and then checking your understanding of the term by searching the definition of the word. Please email me at [madisonmisek@duchesneacademy.org](mailto:madisonmisek@duchesneacademy.org) with any questions. I'm happy to help!

## Part 1 -----

### Chapters 1-3 (p. 1-24)

#### Before Reading

1. What do you already know about the Holocaust? Are you aware of any of the Holocaust resistance movements? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Vocabulary

2. Gestapo

- a. In the text: "There were also two Polish officers and two members of the Jewish police, whom were called the OD. They often were as brutal as the **Gestapo**, and no more trustworthy" (3)
- b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Smuggle

- a. In the text: "It began with **smuggling**. I'd become creative about how I brought things in: weapons baked into loaves of bread; fake identification papers sewn into the linings of my coat; or, occasionally, the smuggled object might make my bust appear larger than it really was. Whatever I was secretly carrying, I always brought information to the residents of these sealed ghettos about what was happening elsewhere, and then learned everything I could to warn the next ghetto" (6)
- b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Comprehension

4. What is Chaya's job? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is Akiva and what is its job? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Character

6. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *"I smiled again, like we were old friends. Like I wasn't as willing to kill him as he was my people. 'Wie geht's?' I didn't care how he was doing, on this morning or any other, but I asked because it kept his attention on my face rather than my bag"* (2)
7. What does this 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. They had not just taken pieces of his beard. They had robbed my father of his dignity, which was far worse"* (13)

#### Setting

8. What does this quote reveal about the Nazis in Poland? *“They tossed our prayer books into the square and burned them, simply because they could”* (10).
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### Literary Analysis

9. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“Officially they took our jewelry and foreign currencies, which we were forbidden to keep. Unofficially, they took anything they wanted”* (10)
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### Lingering Questions

10. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 1-3? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Chapters 4-6 (p. 25-45)

### Before Reading

1. How would you describe Chaya to a friend? Consider things like appearance, family life, and personality.
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### Vocabulary

#### 2. Ghetto

- a. In the text: “I didn’t have to wait long inside the Tarnow **Ghetto** before a tall, gangly boy approached me. He might’ve been my age, sixteen, but his bony face made him look older than he probably was” (25).
- b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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#### 3. Courier

- a. In the text: “I’d visited my parents a few times since becoming a **courier**, but today was going to be different. My father sat cross-legged on their worn wooden floor and gestured that the small chair against the wall was for me. When I sat in it, he asked, ‘What is the news from the outside world? You always seem to know’” (34)
- b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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### Comprehension

4. What happens to the Jewish people remaining in the ghettos? \_\_\_\_\_
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5. What is Chaya supposed to do during the Akiva train raid? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Character

6. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *“His cynical laugh was like a drill on my chest. He thought we were sharing a joke. I thought about sharing my knife with his gut”* (31)
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7. What does this quote reveal about Mama? *“Something had collapsed inside her when she lost her two younger children, like part of her died with Sara and vanished with Yitzchak”* (35)
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**Setting**

8. What does this quote reveal about the Tarnow Ghetto? *“Death had become normal here, inevitable”* (34)

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**Literary Analysis**

9. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“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”* (39)

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**Lingering Questions**

10. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 4-6? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapters 7-9 (p. 46-69)****Before Reading**

1. What predictions can you make about the Akiva in chapters 10-11? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Vocabulary**

2. Spared

- a. In the text: “I had a reliable safe house ready in Krakow, used as a temporary stopping place for anyone we smuggled out, but Dolek chose an apartment nearer to the ghetto. That would serve as our new bunker, and just in time. Two days after we left, six thousand people were removed from the Podgorze Ghetto by train. Thankfully, my parents were **spared**” (46)

b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Disrupt

- a. In the text: “When none of that worked, I silently repeated the goals of the resistance, to do whatever was necessary to **disrupt** the German occupation of Poland. So I had” (54)

b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Comprehension**

4. What happens during the train raid? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What new resistance movement is being planned by Akiva? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Character**

6. What does this quote reveal about Esther? *“Esther was petite, with a shy voice, an uncertain smile, and every possible look and mannerism to radiate her Jewishness...I saw nothing in Esther that would help our cause, and plenty that endangered both her and us”* (47)

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7. What does this quote reveal about the people of Poland? *“If they would not fight for millions of living Jews, perhaps they would fight for the memory of a single dead poet”* (62)

**Setting**

8. What does this quote reveal about Jewish customs in the Akiva bunker (apartment)? *“We stood for the singing of the prayers, though with thin walls and neighbors who’d gladly fatten themselves by blackmailing us, it was little more than rhythmic whispering”* (56)

**Literary Analysis**

9. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“Occasionally, I heard whispers from other Akiva members that we were fools to think our efforts would make any difference. My response to them was always the same. ‘Let us be foolish, then, because if we save even one life, we are the best of fools’”* (61)

**Lingering Questions**

10. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 7-9? \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapters 10-11 (p. 70-84)****Before Reading**

1. How might Chaya’s life change in the aftermath of the attack on the Cyganeria Café? \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocabulary**

2. Venture
- In the text: “Gradually, I began **venturing** out into the city and found myself at the building where our bunker had been” (70)
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comprehension**

3. What decision do Chaya’s parents make? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What has happened to Akiva and what is the new plan? \_\_\_\_\_

**Character**

5. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *“The Germans were still here. So was I, and I’d become more determined than ever. If the Germans took Akiva away from me, I would find another resistance group to join and dedicate my life to”* (72)
6. What does this quote reveal about Chaya’s parents? *“We hugged, and there was a still clutch against my back from my father’s hands. His strength had kept him alive so fare, but it couldn’t last much longer. My mother was alive only in the sense that her heart continued to beat”* (79)

**Setting**

7. What does this quote reveal about the Podgorze Ghetto? *“The main entry gate as 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”* (74)

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**Literary Analysis**

8. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“A Jew would wear a cross if it benefited them”* (77)

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**Lingering Questions**

9. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 10-11? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 2** -----

**Chapter 12 (p. 87-96)**

**Before Reading**

1. What do you think Chaya will do on her next mission for Akiva? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Vocabulary**

- 2. Banished
    - a. In the text: *“At one time, Jews and Poles rode the trains as equals, often side by side. Often as friends. Then as the laws changed, we were charged more than the Poles for the same seats. Then we were **banished** altogether”* (93)
    - b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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**Comprehension**

3. Why does Chaya not accept the ticket officer’s help with her bag? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Character**

4. What does this quote reveal about Chaya and Esther? *“Feeling the weight of eyes on us, I laughed, as if she’d said something funny. She echoed my laugh, though it was forced and false, and much too loud. If we were going to do this mission together, and I’d train her, just as I’d been trained. I’d already begun making a mental list of things to speak to her about when we were alone”* (91-92).

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**Setting**

5. What does this quote reveal about the train? *“A few minutes later, Esther and I boarded the train. She followed me in silence from one compartment to another. I wanted a space that was more full than empty, because I wanted to choose who my compartment mates were rather than have it be chosen for me after I was seated”* (96).

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### Literary Analysis

6. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“I wasn’t angry with her, not really. I was angry at myself. I didn’t like me this way, cold and harsh. Before the war, I would’ve taken her hand and told her it doesn’t matter if she made mistakes- we all do, and it can’t be all that bad”* (94).
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### Lingering Questions

7. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapter 12? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Chapters 13-14 (p. 97-114)

### Before Reading

1. Why does Chaya not trust Esther? What might Esther need to do to earn Chaya’s trust? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Vocabulary

#### 2. Skirmish

- a. In the text: *“In the next moment, the war returned, with long, jagged scars in the land where a **skirmish** might have taken place, or a village with Nazi flags, or rows of freshly dug graves”* (98).
- b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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#### 3. Allotment

- a. In the text: *“Sometimes the family couldn’t afford to keep the person hiding. Their **allotment** of food was rationed too, and every person in hiding forced those rations to stretch further”* (109).
- b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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### Comprehension

4. How did Esther and Chaya get off the train safely? \_\_\_\_\_
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5. What potential obstacles might Esther and Chaya face when trying to enter the Lodz Ghetto? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Character

6. What does this quote reveal about Esther? *“A gust of wind swirled up...When I looked up again, Esther had already walked on ahead of me. Facing the wind”* (105).
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7. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *“‘Because it’s not possible to be afraid all the time!...I feel it, but I keep it in the background. You must use fear to sharpen your senses and heighten your instincts. It will drive your determination to stay alive, but it cannot control you. If you give in to the fear, you will die tonight”* (113).
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### Setting

8. What does this quote reveal about Poland? *“In one moment, I saw a rolling hillside with the occasional farmhouse, the winter snow finally beginning to melt on the western slopes, looking completely untouched by war. In the next moment, the war returned, with long, jagged scars in the land...”* (98).

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### Literary Analysis

9. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *‘There is no Jewish problem. The problem is with the rest of us who pass beside the ghetto walls with a fresh loaf of bread, knowing the people are starving on the other side, and yet we do nothing’* (100-101).
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### Lingering Questions

10. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 13-14?
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## Chapters 15-17 (p. 115-140)

### Before Reading

1. How is Esther and Chaya’s relationship evolving, or changing? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Vocabulary

2. Exasperation
- In the text: “‘You are the most determined child I’ve ever seen.’ My mother used to say, out of **exasperation** or admiration, I was never sure” (117)
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Szmalcownik
- In the text: “This man was a *szmalcownik*. It was our name for the treacherous citizens who’d built careers on the blackmailing Jews caught outside the ghettos” (118)
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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### Comprehension

4. What happens as Chaya and Esther try to enter the ghetto? \_\_\_\_\_
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5. What happened to the children in the Lodz Ghetto? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Character

6. What does this quote reveal about the Polish Szmalecs? *“Szmalec. The Polish word for lard, and he looked every part of it, with a fleshy jawline, baggy eyes, and limp, stringy hair...He looked soft, but he’d survived this long, so he must be stronger than he looked. And rotted to the core, no doubt about that”* (118).
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7. What does this quote reveal about the people in the Lodz Ghetto? *“Most of them looked like they’d welcome death and yet here they were, continuing to dig because something within them wanted to live”* (123).
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### Setting

8. What does this quote reveal about the ghetto? *“He could get the immediate attention of a dozen Nazis with little more effort than a casual shout for help... This man was a szmalcownik. It was our name for the treacherous citizens who’d built careers on blackmailing Jews caught outside the ghettos” (118).*
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### Literary Analysis

9. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“Just because God allows something to happen does not mean He wants it to happen!” (138).*
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### Lingering Questions

10. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 15-17? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Chapters 18-20 (p. 141-164)

### Before Reading

1. What predictions can you make for Chaya and Esther’s time at Lodz? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Vocabulary

2. Inciting
- In the text: “Ignoring the guilt, for trying to live while others around me were dying. The pain, for coming here in the first place and **inciting** tonight’s Aktion” (144).
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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### Comprehension

3. What event took place at the Lodz Ghetto? \_\_\_\_\_
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4. What did Chaya realize the resistance could possibly do? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Character

5. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *“This level of fear was so unfamiliar to me that I didn’t entirely understand it anymore. I’d spent so long accepting my death that I’d forgotten how very much I wanted to live” (147).*
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6. What does this quote reveal about the Resistance? *Were we defending ourselves the night we attacked that café? Because it seems like we started that fight. And did any of it matter? We didn’t stop the war or get the Nazis to leave Krakow. We can’t even say that lives were saved because of what we did” (163).*
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### Setting

7. What does this quote reveal about the people’s beliefs in Poland? *“The hatred. I remember my father saying that he’d finally come to believe the world had moved past its hatred of Jews, and then this happened” (160).*



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### Literary Analysis

8. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“I was surviving only because others were dying” (144).*

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### Lingering Questions

9. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 18-20? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapters 21-23 (p. 165-185)

### Before Reading

1. Why do you think Esther is hesitant to share about her past life with Chaya? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Vocabulary

2. Partisan

a. In the text: *“‘Nowhere is safe.’ Wit sighed. ‘The **partisans** often move through this area, which brings the Germans in to search for them. It’s only a matter of time before we feel the full effects of the war out here’” (173).*

b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Comprehension

3. What happens as Chaya and Esther are leaving Lodz and heading to Warsaw? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What does Wit offer to do for Chaya and Esther? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Character

5. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *“Lying had become second nature to me now. Half the time, I had to stop myself from lying when it wasn’t necessary, just because I could” (167).*

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6. What does this quote reveal about Wit? *“I can’t promise you safety forever, but I can promise that no one in my family will ever betray your trust in us” (178).*

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### Setting

7. What does this quote reveal about war in Poland? *“The partisans often move through this area, which brings the Germans in to search for them. It’s only a matter of time before we feel the full effects of the war out here” (173).*

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### Literary Analysis

8. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“The animal who wanders free has no idea what is happening to the one caught in the trap” (175).*

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### Lingering Questions

9. What are two things that you're wondering about after reading chapters 21-23? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Chapters 24-26 (p. 186-207)

#### Before Reading

1. How has Chaya's character developed, or changed, since the beginning of the novel? \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Vocabulary

2. Resistance

- a. In the text: "I began searching quietly so as not to disturb her. Very quickly, I found a compartment containing German army rations. I hoped this food wasn't packaged by any **resistance** members determined to add a dose of food poisoning to the German diet, but we were going to take the risk- and take the food- anyway" (187)

b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Abandoned

- a. In the text: "The nearby home looked **abandoned**, and no animals were in or around the barn. It should be a good shelter. As always, I checked for all possible exits before settling in for the night" (194).

b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Comprehension

4. Where did the girls rest and what did they find in it? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What happens to Esther? \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Character

6. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *"With that thought, the guilt returned, this time like a lead weight inside my stomach. I hadn't needed that piece, I'd only wanted it, and I wasn't out here to satisfy my wants" (187).*

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7. What does this quote reveal about Esther? *'Never stop hoping, right? That's what keeps us alive, to never stop hoping for a happy ending'" (193).*

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#### Setting

8. What does this quote reveal about tension? *"But with a trembling voice, Esther said, 'there are no papers.' She spoke in Yiddish, which was far more devastating than her actual words" (197).*

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#### Literary Analysis

9. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“Can I hate the Nazis and love their chocolate? She asked. I grinned. ‘Chocolate does not take sides in war, and that is a good thing’ (188).*
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### Lingering Questions

10. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 24-26? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Chapters 27-28 (p. 208-224)

### Before Reading

1. How has Esther’s character developed, or changed, since the beginning of the novel? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Vocabulary

#### 2. Occupiers

- a. In the text: “Except when I arrived at his office, breathless from running and ready to offer any bribe necessary to get a quarantine order for Esther, his nurse informed me that he was out on visits on behalf of the ‘**occupiers**’” (208)
- b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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#### 3. Sympathizer

- a. In the text: “I stared at it a moment, wondering whose it was. Did a mother use it to get to work each day, her only way to feed her family? Was it a schoolboy’s, one of the lucky few to still be getting an education? Or did it belong to a Nazi **sympathizer**? Did its owner laugh when he heard rumors of what was happening to my people, or was he the kind to hide someone in his home?” (212).
- b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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### Comprehension

4. What did Chaya do to the Nazi vehicles and how did she do it? \_\_\_\_\_
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5. What happens after Chaya’s assault on the Nazi vehicles? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Character

6. What does this quote reveal about Nazi soldiers? *“Was the man who broke Esther’s wrist in here? Because none of these soldiers seemed to feel any guilt for having done such a cruel thing. Instead, they reclined in their chairs, laughing as they tossed around a pack of matches for everyone to light up their cigarettes” (211).*
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7. What does this quote reveal about Esther? *“She was the one with the injury. She was the one who’d been kept in an open yard for a full day, tortured, terrorized, and almost certainly expecting to be dead by morning. Through all of that, according to the young soldier I met, she never told them a word” (218).*
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### Setting

8. What does this quote reveal about war? *“It felt cruel to be so harsh—it was cruel—and I understood the tears, but we couldn’t allow anyone to hear it. After all we’d gone through, getting caught now was unacceptable”* (217).
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### Literary Analysis

9. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“May God bless him for his generosity, however unintended”* (212).
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### Lingering Questions

10. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 27-28? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Chapters 29-30 (p. 225-240)

### Before Reading

1. How do you know that Esther and Chaya’s relationship is stronger now than it was earlier in the text?
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### Vocabulary

#### 2. Sabbath

- a. In the text: “It was a relief when Esther said, ‘We missed Shabbat last night.’ ‘I was busy rescuing you last night.’ ‘I’ve never missed a **Sabbath** before. Never.’ ‘God will understand, Esther! He understands why we missed Shabbat, and why I wear the crucifix. He understands the gun inside my bag, and if I have to use it again, then I hope He will understand that too, because every single day, my first thought is how to keep us alive until I have the very same thought again next day’” (226-227)
- b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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#### 3. Confrontation

- a. In the text: “Esther pressed at the back of my arm, pushing me to walk faster, but I couldn’t do that. We couldn’t let on that we knew we were being watched. That might prompt a **confrontation** sooner than I wanted it” (230)
- b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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### Comprehension

4. What happens in the woods near Warsaw? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What does Rubin reveal about the night at Cyganeria Cafe? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Character

6. What does this quote reveal about Esther? *“...Esther said, ‘We missed Shabbat last night.’ ‘I was busy rescuing you last night.’ ‘I’ve never missed a Sabbath before. Never’”* (226).
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7. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *“I wanted to see the face of the man who shouted that order. If he was going to shoot, I wanted him to remember me”* (231).

**Setting**

8. What does this quote reveal about culture? *“God will understand, Esther! He understands why we missed Shabbat, and why I wear the crucifix. He understands the gun inside my bag, and if I have to use it again, then I hope He will understand that too, because every single day, my first thought is how to keep us alive until I have the very same thought again the next day”* (226-227).

**Literary Analysis**

9. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“I can’t have hope for everyone, Chaya”* (227).

**Lingering Questions**

10. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 29-30? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3****Chapters 31-33 (p. 243-267)****Before Reading**

1. Do you think Chaya and Ester will listen to Rubin’s warnings about the dire situation in Warsaw? Why?

**Vocabulary**

2. Blitzkrieg
- In the text: “We passed whole buildings that had been leveled to the ground during the **Blitzkreig**, some of the back streets still impassable with debris” (245)
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Deportations
- In the text: “If he’s Judenrat, shouldn’t you have been protected?’ ‘We were, until the Aktion last summer. The head of the Judenrat killed himself rather than provide the Germans with a list for **deportations**” (249).
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comprehension**

4. What did Esther’s father do to ensure her safety? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who is Chaya reunited with in the ghetto? \_\_\_\_\_

**Character**

6. What does this quote reveal about Jews in Warsaw? *“No one wandered here. No one sat idly by, watching the world turn. Those who were on the streets moved with purpose. They knew what was coming, the same as I did. They were preparing”* (259)

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7. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? “*What does it mean to fail? We never expected to defeat the Nazis. But we wanted to meet our deaths in an honorable way, to bring attention to our cause from those who are strong enough to win*” (263).
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### Setting

8. What does this quote reveal about Warsaw? “*It was haunted here. Anyone could feel that. Death permeated the night air, carried on the wind like a vulture’s hiss. I smelled the blood, bitter to my senses, and seemed to hear echoes of despair...*” (254)
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### Literary Analysis

9. What does this quote reveal about 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*” (247).
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### Lingering Questions

10. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 31-33? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Chapters 34-36 (p. 268-287)

### Before Reading

1. What do you predict Chaya and Yitzchak’s relationship will be like now that they’re reunited?
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### Vocabulary

2. Tunics
- In the text: “We had several hundred pieces of armor stolen from the Germans, including steel helmets and bullet-resistant **tunics**” (283)
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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### Comprehension

3. What news came from Krakow Ghetto? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is going to happen at the Warsaw Ghetto? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Character

5. What does this quote reveal about the Yitzchak? “*I went after Sara when she was taken. I know how foolish that sounds, given that I was only twelve years old. But I thought I was small enough to sneak her off the train*” (270).
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6. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *"...It reminded me of the sacred nature of that last supper with Akiva...this was my second last supper. I didn't expect to ever celebrate a third" (285).*
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### Setting

7. What does this quote reveal about Jewish customs? *As important as it was every year to observe Passover, I couldn't think of any other night of my life when we needed God to save us more. Our bunker would hold the Seder. Every bunker would hold it" (284).*
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### Literary Analysis

8. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *"It's proof of my humanity. It allows me, just for the length of that song, to remember who I really am, no matter what surrounds me" (272).*
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### Lingering Questions

9. What are two things that you're wondering about after reading chapters 34-36? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Chapters 37-39 (p. 288-310)

### Before Reading

1. How does Chaya maintain her strength, despite the overwhelming obstacles she encounters? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Vocabulary

2. Mazel tov
- In the text: "Whoever he had been, he was no longer my enemy. Most of the other fighters who emerged wrapped arms around each other with cries of "**Mazel tov.**" Even if this was only our first scrape, it went far better than any of us could have expected" (293).
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Scavenge
- In the text: "'The matches?' He cocked his head toward a warehouse behind us. 'Nothing gets left behind for them to **scavenge**" (306).
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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### Comprehension

4. How did the Nazi opinion of the Jews change? \_\_\_\_\_
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5. Did the Nazis end up successfully capturing the Warsaw Ghetto by the end of the day? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Character

6. What does this quote reveal about Esther? *"I asked to go. I had to go. Of course I'd rather have stayed with my family, but not if I was a tool used against my people" (297).*
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7. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *“She was right, but I couldn’t cheer for that either. I wanted a world in which no blood must be spilled. A world free of hatred that made a fight such as this necessary”* (299).

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**Setting**

8. What does this quote reveal about the war from inside the camp? *“From outside the ghetto walls, we heard orders shouted 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?”* (293).

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**Literary Analysis**

9. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“We’ve never been more free. Don’t you see? They don’t control us anymore. Since we already know how this will end, they can’t even use the fear of death against us”* (309).

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**Lingering Questions**

10. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 37-39? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Chapters 40-43 (p. 311-337)**

**Before Reading**

1. What do you predict will happen with the resistance in these chapters? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Vocabulary**

2. Unceremoniously

- a. In the text: *“When the Germans returned, the dead would have to be left behind, unburied, **unceremoniously** abandoned. But who of the living could we save?”* (314)

b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Allies

- a. In the text: *“They were discussing what should be done for the Jews still trapped in Nazi-occupied Europe. The **Allies** had almost completely ignored us thus far. It was astonishing that they even bothered to meet on our behalf”* (329).

b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Comprehension**

4. What happens on the second day of the revolt? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What challenges do the Jewish people not anticipate? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Character**



6. What does this quote reveal about the Nazis? *“Immediately, another officer gave the order to shoot, and every Jew on the street was killed. Every. Single. One”* (318)
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7. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *“Do you regret coming here? We could have stayed in Krakow or even left the country.’ My answer was simple: ‘No regrets.’ And I meant it”* (337).
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### Setting

8. What does this quote reveal about international politics? *“They wouldn’t help. Not when the American president spoke of ‘spreading the Jews thin’ and dismissed the atrocities against us as ‘sob stuff’. When Canada responded to the question of how many Jewish refugees they would accept with ‘none is too many’”* (330).
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### Literary Analysis

9. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“Even if the Germans provided such a sick carnival, no one had to come! No one had to bring their children next to our wall, where they could surely smell the gunpowder and the acrid stench of fire. No one was forced to sit their child on a carousel where they could hear the cries of other children in here, begging to be rescued from their doom”* (336).
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### Lingering Questions

10. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 40-43? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Chapters 44-47 (p. 338-361)

### Before Reading

1. How has Chaya demonstrated resilience throughout the revolt? \_\_\_\_\_
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### Vocabulary

2. Atrocities
- In the text: “How could these soldiers commit such **atrocities** on this day, all while wearing an emblem that suggested God supported their actions?” (339)
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Pledge
- In the text: “And here, among ashes and debris and the growing scars of our battles, we saw far too many fallen resistance fighters, a few of them people I considered friends, people I’d laughed with only a few days ago as we **pledged** our lives and our honor to one another” (341).
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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### Comprehension

4. What does Chaya discover happened to the Judenrat and OD? \_\_\_\_\_
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5. What is the ‘package’ that Esther was supposed to deliver? \_\_\_\_\_

**Character**

6. What does this quote reveal about Yitzchak? *“But I saw the determination in his eye, the desire to stand tall, the same glimmer of strength I used to see in my father’s eyes”* (341).

7. What does this quote reveal about Esther? *“Choose your steps carefully. This walk will take hours. If you cannot do this, then do not endanger the rest of us. Does anyone need to leave?”* (359).

**Setting**

8. What does this quote reveal about social customs in Poland? *“As we celebrated Passover this week, the Christians were preparing for Easter. As part of that, today was their good Friday, a day that was supposed to be dedicated to seeking forgiveness from God”* (339).

**Literary Analysis**

9. What does the passage reveal about humanity? *“Information was power, and she’d become a source for both”* (339).

**Lingering Questions**

10. What are two things that you’re still wondering about after reading chapters 44-47? \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapters 48-49 (p. 362-375)****Before Reading**

1. How do you think Chaya will carry on the fight outside of the Warsaw camp without Esther? \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocabulary**

2. Resolute

a. In the text: “Esther drew in a slow breath. **Resolute**, as if she’d already decided what must be done” (364)

b. Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comprehension**

3. What happens to Esther? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How will Chaya continue the resistance? \_\_\_\_\_

**Character**

5. What does this quote reveal about Esther? *“Last time I was here, it cost people their lives. No I’m here to save lives”* (364).

6. What does this quote reveal about Chaya? *“I gasped with pain, but choked back any further tears. Much as I wanted to stop here, I had to keep going. Because Esther was right that we were couriers, and this was what we did”* (366).
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### Setting

7. What does this quote reveal about people’s beliefs of the resistance movements? *“Historians might say that the Jews lost every uprising we attempted in this war, that every resistance movement failed”* (375).
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### Literary Analysis

8. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“It was a reminder that hatred runs deeper and wider than a single race of nationality, and if love was not stronger, hatred would run through the generations”* (372).
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### Lingering Questions

9. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading chapters 48-49? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Afterword (p. 379-385)

### Vocabulary

1. Liaison
- In the text: *“Zivia Lubetkin was a leader during the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and acted as a **liaison** between bunkers”* (382)
  - Definition: \_\_\_\_\_
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### Comprehension

2. What was the impact of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising? \_\_\_\_\_
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3. What eventually happened to Akiva? What did the actual Akiva prove to other Jewish resistance forces?
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### Character

4. What does this quote reveal about Mordecai Anielewicz? *“...he fulfilled the dream of many resistance fighters to prove that ‘not all sheep go like lambs to the slaughter’”* (382).
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### Setting

5. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“When thrust into a situation as intense and traumatic as war, and facing possible extermination, no two people will respond in the same way. Some will collapse, others will betray, and others will try to ignore the calamity. But in those same circumstances, some will emerge with honor and rise as heroes. However, it is important to note that because of the horrifying and extraordinary nature of the Holocaust, any attempt to judge the actions of anyone through a ‘normal’ lens will likely reflect a poor understanding of just how difficult the circumstances were”* (385).

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**Literary Analysis**

6. What does this quote reveal about humanity? *“May we never forget. May we live with honor at all times, regardless of our circumstances. And may we choose love, a weapon that will defeat hate every single time. Love is the resistance”* (385).
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**Lingering Questions**

7. What are two things that you’re wondering about after reading the afterword? \_\_\_\_\_
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