

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Answer questions using complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

Chapter Twelve

1. Describe Shmuel's life before the war.
2. Where was Shmuel's family forced to live? Why?
3. Compare Shmuel's train ride and Bruno's train ride.
4. How do we know that Bruno doesn't fully understand the story that Shmuel is telling him?
5. Why does Bruno decide to keep his new friendship a secret?

Chapter 13

6. What does Maria tell Bruno about Pavel?
7. Why does Bruno think that Shmuel must know Pavel?
8. How does Shmuel react when Bruno mentions Lieutenant Kotler?
9. What changes does Bruno notice about Pavel?
10. What complaints does Bruno have about school?
11. What does his father mean when he says, "We are correcting history here." (144)
12. What does Kotler reveal about his father?
13. What does Bruno's father assume about Kotler's father?
14. What happened when Pavel spilled the wine? Why didn't anyone stop Kotler?
15. Why does the author leave Pavel's punishment up to the reader's imagination rather than describing in detail what Kotler did to him?

Chapter 14

16. What question did Bruno keep asking Shmuel?
17. What does Bruno seem to forget?
18. Why is Bruno jealous of Shmuel's clothing?
19. Why does Bruno lie to Gretel about Shmuel?
20. How does Gretel react to Bruno's lie about having an imaginary friend?
21. What is ironic about Gretel thinking that Bruno was childish?