

Guide Sheet for Literature Circles

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Book: The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Answer the following questions in complete sentences and use textual evidence where appropriate.

1. Describe the three most important events or character revelations you have read so far in your novel.
 - a) Bruno's move
 - This is what had changed his entire life; he had to face a new community, as well as moving away from his friends, and adapting to a new environment.
 - b) Meeting Shmuel
 - Through Bruno finding Shmuel in the forest, he found his first friend in the new city.
 - c) Finding out the differences between him and Shmuel
 - For them, they still couldn't and didn't tell each other what happens on the other side of the fences.
2. Predict will happen next with the main characters? Why do you say this?
 - I think that the main characters will get to know each other more and hopefully be able to maintain their friendship without being afraid.
3. Relate to the novel by discussing similarities that are you finding between your life and the lives presented in the story?
 - The similarities that I am finding between my life and the lives presented in the story is the decision making. In the novel, Bruno has a hard time trying to determine the bad and the good for his actions and at this point in my life, I am also trying to make the right decision for my future.
4. Select three lines from the text that make you think, intrigue you, or fall under the category of being wonderfully composed. Comment on why you choose each of the lines.
 - a) "Sitting around miserable all day won't make you any happier."
 - It intrigues me because this is something that everyone is aware of but tends to still do it when there are unfortunate situations.
 - b) "Don't make it worse by thinking it's more painful than it actually is."
 - This represents the overthinking that people do and it is also something that I highly relate because it is something that I do often.
 - c) "The thing about exploring is that you have to know whether the thing you've found is worth finding. Some things are just sitting there, minding their own business, waiting to be discovered. Like America. And other things are probably better off left alone. Like a dead mouse at the back of the cupboard."

- It explains and helped me understand that Bruno had to help Shmuel because he couldn't just make his curiosity disappear; he had to figure out what was going on.
5. What if you were in the shoes of the main character right now? What would you do? Why?
- If I was in the shoes of the main character right now, I would do the same thing and try to get closer to the friend I felt I had a special connection to, because I would regret not trying if I am not given the chance to later,
6. Recommend two themes from the text for your group to discuss and come up with three questions that will help get that discussion going.
- Decision making / Choices
 1. How do you make good decisions?
 2. How do your surroundings contribute in making decisions?
 3. What are some choices that you had to make?