

ELP 043 - Life is Beautiful

Preview Questions:

1. What was the Holocaust? What details do you know about it?
2. What do you think the conditions were like inside the concentration camps?

Reading Quiz:

1. What does the boy (Joshua) want for his birthday?
 - a. toy tank
 - b. book
 - c. candy
2. When Joshua and his dad are in the back of the truck, where does he tell his son they are going?
 - a. a birthday trip
 - b. a prison camp
 - c. a special school
3. When speaking to the officer at the train station, what did the mom mean when she said there was a “mistake”?
 - a. they forgot to put her on the train
 - b. her husband and son aren’t supposed to be on the train
 - c. her husband and son are on the wrong train
4. What does the dad say the camp is like?
 - a. a game
 - b. a prison
 - c. a school
5. What is the prize for winning the game?
 - a. \$1000
 - b. a house
 - c. a tank
6. How does the game end?
 - a. when someone wins 100 points
 - b. when someone wins 1,000 points
 - c. when everyone escapes from the camp
7. T / F The dad speaks German and can translate into Italian.
8. According to the dad, which is **NOT** a way to lose points in the game:
 - a. cry
 - b. fight
 - c. be hungry
 - d. ask for your mommy
9. When Bartolomeo hurts his arm, where does he say they are taking him?
 - a. hospital
 - b. first aid clinic
 - c. home
10. What does it really mean when the children are sent to the “showers”?
 - a. they are to be given a bath
 - b. they are going to get their hair cut
 - c. they are going to be killed
11. What does the dad say to his wife over the loud speaker?
 - a. I had a dream about you last night

- b. Let's meet tonight by the train tracks
 - c. Joshua is having too much fun
12. From whom does Joshua get information about the true dangers of the camp?
- a. his father
 - b. fellow prisoners
 - c. German guards
13. What mistake does the boy make after being served dessert
- a. forgets to say thank you
 - b. says thank you in Italian
 - c. says thank you in German
14. How does the dad cover up for his son's mistake at the dinner?
- a. he pretends that he was teaching all the children Italian
 - b. he coughs loudly
 - c. he has Joshua repeat thank you in German several times
15. What does Bartolomeo say is the reason for all the commotion?
- a. the war is over
 - b. the trucks aren't working
 - c. there aren't enough German soldiers
15. Why does the boy say he can't hide in the box?
- a. he is sacred
 - b. he will be too cold
 - c. another boy is already hiding in there
16. How does Joshua tell his mom they'll get home?
- a. by walking
 - b. taking the train
 - c. riding in the tank

Critical Thinking Questions:

1. Have you ever told someone something that wasn't true in order to protect them from the truth? Do you think this type of "white lie" is harmful? Do you think the father did the right thing by telling his son stories that weren't true so he wasn't scared? Why or why not?
2. Should parents always tell their children the truth? Why or why not? Give examples in your answer.
3. In the movie, the father used humor and a positive attitude to help his son, and protect him from the truth. To what extent (how much) does a person's attitude affect his/her circumstances?
4. Based on the background of this film, what is the effects of racism on the people who survived the Nazi Holocaust?

Use the vocabulary words in your answers. Type your answers at the end of your Vocabulary Log.

Vocabulary Log for Units 1 and 2: **Due Monday, June 22**