

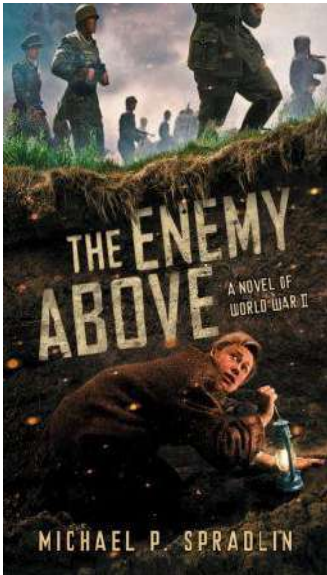


ELLIOTT STREET SCHOOL
2018 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
Entering Grade 7



BOOK: The Enemy Above A Novel of World War II By Michael Spradlin

GENRE: Realistic Fiction



SUMMARY: Nazi gun fire can only mean one thing: The Germans are closing in. And twelve-year-old Anton knows his family can't outrun them. A web of underground caves seems like the perfect place to hide. But danger lurks above the surface.

Ruthless Major Karl Von Duesen of the Gestapo has made it his mission to round up every Jew in the Ukrainian countryside. Anton knows if his community is discovered, they will be sent off to work camps, or worse.

When a surprise invasion catches them off guard, Anton makes a radical decision. He won't run any longer. And he won't hide. He will stop being the hunted, and start doing some hunting of his own.

ASSIGNMENT:

1. Students will read The Enemy Above A Novel of World War II. After reading each chapter, students will answer the probing questions that follow on a separate piece of paper. Students should be very thoughtful in completing this task.
2. Once students have completed the novel, they will write a recommendation.
3. Track the pages read on a daily basis on calendars provided.

Standards: RI. 7.1 , 7.2, 7.3; W.7.10

Chapter 1:

Why is Anton's family forced to leave their home? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 2:

What is Von Duesen trying to accomplish? Why? Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.

Chapter 3:

What phrase does the author repeat throughout this chapter? Why do you think he does this? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 4:

Based on this information in this chapter, what character trait would you use to describe Karl Von Duesen? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 5:

Narrative Task: Imagine you are Anton at the end of this chapter. Write a journal entry from his viewpoint to describe what he is feeling.

Chapter 6:

How are Anton and Daniel alike? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 7:

Anton thinks his uncle will never trust him with responsibility again. Would you agree or disagree? Why? Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.

Chapter 8:

How did Von Duesen figure out where the remaining Jews were? Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.

Chapter 9:

How did Anton convince himself that the rat was nothing to be afraid of? Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.

Chapter 10:

Make a prediction of what you think will happen next. Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.

Chapter 11:

Do you think Anton made the right decision by convincing everyone to continue with the mission they set out to complete? Why? Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.

Chapter 12:

What was ironic about Von Duesen jumping in fear over the rabbit? Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.

Chapter 13:

What is Dimitri's plan? Do you agree with it? Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.

Chapter 14:

What did we learn about Bubbe's character in this chapter? Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.

Chapter 15:

What do you think Anton plans to do with the nails? Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.

Chapter 16:

Do you think Bubbe successfully upsets Von Duesen? Why or why not? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 17:

Based on everything we know about Anton so far, what character trait would you use to describe him? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 18:

What is interesting about the letter Von Duesen's brother wrote to him? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 19:

How did Anton manage to get the major alone? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 20:

What does Von Duesen tell his soldiers to not shoot when they find Anton and his grandma? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 21:

In this Chapter, Bubbe says, "When did you grow up, Anton?" What does she mean by this? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 22:

How does Von Duesen's character and demeanor change when General Stueben is around? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 23:

Describe how Anton might be feeling during this chapter. Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 24:

What do you think the other members of the Gestapo feel about Von Duesen? Why? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 25:

How does Anton feel when Bubbe compares him to his father? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 26:

How do the other members of the Gestapo treat Major Von Duesen? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 27:

How does the author use foreshadowing in this chapter? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 28:

Von Duesen thinks that his actions in this chapter were necessary to save his career. Would you agree? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 29:

Describe the place that Anton is now referring to as home. Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 30:

What is Karl Von Duesen's mission? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 31:

How are Anton and his father similar? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 32:

Why does Von Duesen feel so strongly about finding Bubbe and Anton? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

Chapter 33:

At the end of the book, Anton says, "Safety is an illusion." What does he mean by this? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATION

Would you recommend this book to others?

Why or why not? Give at least three reasons for your recommendation.

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SUMMER READING TRACKER

Jot down the page numbers you have read throughout the months of July and August.

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