

To Hope and Back: Section 4

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Lisa (pp 61-68) | Sol (pp 69-76) | What the Captain Knew (pp 77-81)

Vocabulary

Read each word and determine its meaning from the context of the story. Then, fill in the blanks in the sentences.

lurching	I lie here, curled in a ball, praying for the heaving motion to stop and my dizziness and lurching stomach to settle down. (p.63)
Torah	It is <i>Shavuot</i> , a very important Jewish holiday that celebrates the day that Moses and the Israelites received the <i>Torah</i> and God's commandments at Mount Sinai. (p.74)
slavery	This holiday comes after Passover, when we celebrate the day that Jews were granted their freedom from slavery. (p.74)
despise	There are people who hate and despise us. (p.75)
Gestapo	The worst of these was a man named Otto Shiendick who was on board as a steward, but who was really a spy for the Gestapo - the much-feared secret police of the Nazis. (p.77)
swastika	He could not, for example, lower the swastika flag that flew at the back of the ship. (p.78)
ironically	Ironically, even though Shiendick did not care about what happened to the Jewish passengers on board, it was extremely important to him to have the ship land in Havana, so that he could carry out his Gestapo orders, and meet with Hoffman. (p.78)
welfare	When it came right down to it, he was really interested only in his own welfare. (p.79)
decree	He did not want to clash with President Bru, so he searched for a way to get around the president's latest decree without a direct confrontation. (p.79)
arrogant	Benitez was an arrogant, overly confident man. (p.79)

- 1) The symbol of the _____ was used by a group called the Nazis.
- 2) _____, even though he said he hated math, he ended up winning the math competition.
- 3) His _____ attitude often made others feel uncomfortable around him.
- 4) The Rabbi read from the holy scroll called the _____.
- 5) The king issued a royal _____, announcing a new law for the kingdom.
- 6) Their Jewish ancestors suffered under _____ in Egypt over 3000 years ago.
- 7) The boat was _____ in the waves during the storm.
- 8) My parents' do everything they can to ensure our family's _____.
- 9) I really _____ bullies so I always stand up to them.
- 10) The _____ was a harsh police force during World War II.

Chapter Questions

1) When Lisa and the other Jewish passengers were in the cinema, they watched a newsreel. What is a newsreel? Explain why watching it upset them so much. (p.67-68)

2) Who was Otto Shiendick and what was he doing that was upsetting to the passengers? (p.77-78)

3) What was the problem with the Cuban landing permits? (p.79)
