
The Book Thief: Part One Discussion Preparation

Our Protagonist: Liesel Meminger

Character Development

Liesel is a round character, and she will also become a dynamic character. Explore who she is now, as a ten year old girl. Determine two significant character traits for Liesel and support each with a two pieces of evidence (quotes or other details). Include page numbers, please!

Trait:	Trait:
Quote/detail:	Quote/detail:
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Conflict Development

At the young age of ten, Liesel has already had a great deal of hardships in her life. Create a list of five significant conflicts that she has and/or is facing. Then, determine whether each conflict is internal, external, or both.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Discussion Questions

Directions: Choose one of the questions below. Answer this question using EVIDENCE to support to it. Your answer should:

- *Include a TOPIC SENTENCE that restates the question and clearly previews what is to come.*
 - *Introduces your evidence with CONTEXT*
 - *Includes the evidence and CITES it (Remember: (Zusak 10).)*
 - *Explains the quote with meaningful analysis and ties it back to the topic sentence*
1. Does Rosa Hubermann love Liesel? Use two pieces of evidence from the text to support your claim.
 2. How would you characterize Rosa overall? Support your trait with two details from the novel.
 3. What is Rudy's most significant character trait? Support this trait with two details.
 4. Hans Hubermann is a simpler character. State and support a character trait for him with two details.

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Directions: Choose one of the questions below. Answer this question using EVIDENCE to support to it – the same good writing techniques listed above apply.

1. Helen Rowland once said, “Home is any four walls that enclose the right person.” Explain this quote in your own words. Then, how does this quote apply to our protagonist, Liesel Meminger? Answer in 4-6 complete sentences.
2. Martin Niemöller (1892-1984) was a prominent Protestant pastor who emerged as an outspoken public foe of Adolf Hitler and spent the last seven years of Nazi rule in concentration camps. He is perhaps best remembered for the quotation:

*First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out--
Because I was not a Socialist.
Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out--
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out--
Because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me--and there was no one left to speak for me.*

In your own words, explain the meaning of this quote and then discuss how it applies to the setting and events in *The Book Thief*.

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