**Chapter 1**

**READING FOR INFORMATION**

Extending (4) Proficient (3) Developing (2) Emerging (1) Incomplete Late Not Done

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1. When and where is this story **set**?

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1. What major historical event is the **setting** for this story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Name the 5 members of the Baliki family (include ages if you can)
3. What was Joseph Balicki’s profession? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. When the Nazis took Joseph away to prison, how old was Bronia? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Upon which member of the family did great responsibilities fall? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. What was the name of the prison camp? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. For how many months of the year at the prison camp did the snow lie “thick upon the ground”?

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1. True or false? *Most of the prisoners in the camp were Hungarians. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
2. At his old school, whose picture had Joseph turned to the wall? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What was inside the double fence, to stop prisoners escaping? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Joseph do to get into ‘the cooler’?

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1. Where did the stone (that Joseph used with his catapult) strike the guard?

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1. In which block were the Hungarian and Romanian prisoners kept? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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READING FOR COMPREHENSION

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1. **Draw a quick sketch of what life was like in the Zakyna prison camp.**
2. **Joseph is doing very poorly during his time at the prison camp. What keeps him alive?**
3. **Why did Joseph NOT try to escape the first winter he was at the prison camp?**
4. **Why would solitary confinement be used as a punishment in prison?**
5. **What did Joseph have to be careful of in the cooler?**
6. **What do you think was the most dangerous part of Joseph’s escape? Why?**
7. **How would Joseph have felt as he walked away from the prison?**
8. **How does the author create suspense at the end of chapter 1?**