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WORKSHEET

The Essence of Friendship - discussion questions

Friendship is a central theme of this story, and this section explores the reasons, depths and meaning of friendship explored in this story.

- Why do you think Bruno and Shmuel become friends and stay friends?
- How do the friendships that Bruno has in Berlin at the beginning of the movie compare with his friendship with Shmuel?
- Does the friendship between Bruno and Shmuel evolve in the story? How?
- Why doesn't Bruno try to protect his friend when Shmuel is attacked by Lieutenant Kotler?
- Have you ever done something to a friend that made you feel bad or ashamed? How does shame and remorse figure into the friendship between Bruno and Shmuel? How does Bruno show his remorse?
- Why does Shmuel forgive Bruno? How?
- How is it possible for Bruno and Shmuel to have fun together and maintain their friendship in the midst of their circumstances?
- How does Bruno justify continuing his friendship with Shmuel despite what his father, sister, and tutor have said about Jews?
- The barbed wire fence is a physical separation between Bruno and Shmuel. What other types of separation does the fence represent in this story?
- How do Bruno and Shmuel demonstrate the essence of friendship despite their many differences? What are their differences?



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- How can people use the power of friendship to cross boundaries of race, religion, and culture?



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