

# Number the Stars Project 9th Grade

Directions: Choose 1 of the 5 listed essays, to be completed by 8th December

Choose one of the following themes to write an essay on. DO NOT just answer the questions; use them to help you to form your ideas and include them in your essay. Make sure to use examples from the text for your opinions and ideas.

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## Friendship

- What do the words friend and best friend mean? How are they different and the same?
- Describe Annemarie and Ellen's friendship.
- How does their friendship change over time?
- Are there other examples of essential friendship in the book?
- How can friendship be tested? How is Annemarie and Ellen's friendship tested?
- How does their friendship affect the outcome of the book?
- How do we know that Annemarie and Ellen would still be friends, even after the book ends?

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## Bravery

- What does the word bravery mean?
- Who do you know, or who have you heard of, that has been identified as a brave person? How do/did he or she show bravery
- How does Uncle Henrik mean when he says, "That is all that bravery means: not thinking about the danger, about what you must do" (chapter 16)?
- How did the following people prove what Uncle Henrik said about bravery: Mrs. Johansen, Uncle Henrik, Peter, Mr. Johansen, the Rosens?

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## Man's Inhumanity to Man

- What are some examples, other than the Holocaust, of people treating other people inhumanely?
- What inhumane treatment is dealt with in this book?
- Why is it important to let others know about inhumane treatment?
- How should individuals and/or nations act when inhumane treatment is discovered? Is it more important to act when you know the person/people who are being treated inhumanely? Why/why not?
- What inhumane actions are happening in our world today?

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## Is it OK to Lie?

- What does it mean when people say, "The first casualty of war is truth"?
- Annemarie knows she is being lied to at various points in the book...why was it OK?
- What lies does Annemarie tell...were they OK?
- Is lying ever acceptable? Why/why not?

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## Lost Freedoms

- What does freedom mean?
- What freedoms do you enjoy?
- What freedoms do you look forward to enjoying in the future, as you grow older?
- What freedoms did the people of Denmark lose?
- What was the most difficult loss of freedom? Why?

### **HINTS!**

- ✦ Write in Google Drive. Use paragraphs: an introduction paragraph, then some paragraphs to get your ideas across and finish with a concluding paragraph. Minimum 350 words. You will probably need more! Double spaced, 12 font, Arial or Times N.R.
- ✦ Make sure to develop your thoughts, with supporting evidence and quotations from the book!
- ✦ Vary your word choice and check spelling and grammar!
- ✦ Use transition words between the paragraphs (choosing from the worksheet Transition Words from the menu bar grammar links in our blog)!