



Language Arts 9  
*My Mother's Secret*  
Part III: Mikolaj  
Chapters 36- 42 Questions

Answer the following questions after reading Chapters 36-42 in the novel *My Mother's Secret*. Be sure to notice the point value for each question so that you know how much detail to include in each of your answers.

Chapter 36

1. What are some of the similarities between what Mikolaj's family and Broniek's family experienced as told on pages 102-103? List at least 3 similarities. (3 points)

Chapter 38

1. How does Franciszka treat the Wolenski family differently from how everyone else treats the Jews? List at least 2. (2 points)
2. What does Felicia ask Franciszka in this chapter? What do you think is the answer and the plan? (3 points)
3. How does Felicia convince Mikolaj to go into the cellar? (2 points)
4. What do they bring to the cellar? (5 points)
5. What is the irony in the statement "For all the lives that my father saved, and the thought that we might have been repaid in kind, it was my mother's friendship with Franciszka that gave us a chance." (4 points)

Chapter 39

1. What is the punishment that one Polish family receives for hiding Jews? How did they get caught? (6 points)
2. Explain what the statement "Not all Nazis are German" means. (2 points)

Chapter 40

1. How was Dr. Wolenski able to "fix" the situation with the deliveryman? What did he ask the man to do for him? (4 points)

Chapter 41

1. How has Felicia's and Helmut's roles changed now that they are in hiding? Who seems to be the strong one and who the weak one? Give a quote from the text to support your answer. (4 points)
2. What does "bashert" mean? (2 points)

Chapter 42

1. Why is it smart how Franciszka asks for food to be wrapped in newspapers instead of a paper bag? (2 points)
2. Who do you think the commander is who comes to the dinner party? How do you think this might help in the future? (2 points)