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English Department



Year 7 English

Novel Study- Once

Chapter 2 Review Questions (pg 9)

1. How has Felix physically changed since being at the orphanage? (9)
2. Why does Felix say that his parents have “bookshop troubles”?
3. Why do you think Felix write about his parents “wrestling a wild boar” or “rescuing a book printer” in his notebook? (10-11)
4. Who are the man with armbands who hop out of the car at the orphanage? (12)
5. Who is the ‘torture squad’? (13)
6. How does Felix save Jankiel from the torture squad? (14)
7. How did Jankiel’s parents really die? In your answer, describe the tone of how Jankiel tells Dodie and Felix about the circumstances of his parents deaths. (15)

Extension Activities

1. Felix’s parents

(a) What memories and physical evidence does Felix have of his parents?

(b) What beliefs does Felix hold about what will happen?

2. Felix’s notebook:

Explain the importance of Felix’s notebook.

Theme: “Being displaced”

The children in the orphanage are homeless, parentless and *stateless*. This is very sad and something that should not happen. The purpose of studying History is to learn from events like this and ensure they never happen again. Sadly, it is still happening around the world.

3. Where in the world now are children being forced to be homeless and refugees?

Reflection: The book burning.

4. What did Felix “think” the men in armbands were doing?
5. What were they actually doing and why?