

# Hana's Suitcase

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### Characters:

Fumiko Ishioka- A Japanese woman the director of a small museum called the Tokyo Holocaust Center. Made it her mission to find out anything she can on Hana Brady.

Karel Brady- Hana and George's father. Killed at Auschwitz.

Marketa Brady- Hana and George's mother. Killed at Auschwitz. Always gave to the poor.

George Brady- Hana's brother. Sent to a concentration camp with Hana and learned to be a plumber. Survived Auschwitz. Lives in Toronto, Canada today. Helped the children learn about Hana.

Hana Brady- Born May 16, 1931. Her suitcase is owned by a Holocaust museum so it's director wants to find out everything that it can about her. She was born in Czechoslovakia and died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz. Had blonde hair and blue eyes.

Akira- A child helping in the search for Hana Brady. Loves to laugh and joke.

Maiko- A child helping in the search for Hana Brady. Loves parties. An accomplished synchronized swimmer.

Maria- Hana's best friend before she went to the concentration camps.

Aunt Hedda- Hana and George's aunt that gave them a home when their parents were taken. Married to Uncle Ludvik.

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Ella- Hana's friend from the concentration camp.

Grandmother- George and Hana's grandmother that was sent to a concentration camp and died three months later.

Kurt Kotouc- Bunk mate of George Brady at the concentration camp. Still alive. Helped Fumiko find George.

### Questions:

1. What does Waisenkind mean in English? Orphan
2. What color was Hana's suitcase? Brown
3. What color is Fumiko Ishioka's hair? Black

4. Where was Hana born? Nove Mesto, Czechoslovakia
5. How many days a week did Father work in the store? Six
6. What instrument could Hana play? Piano
7. Where did Fumiko get Hana's suitcase from? The Auschwitz Museum
8. What else, besides the suitcase, did the Auschwitz Museum send? A child's sock, a shoe, a child's sweater, and a can of Zyklon B poisonous gas
9. Where is Auschwitz located? Poland
10. What color hair did Hana have? Blonde hair
11. Who normally won the swinging contests? Hana
12. What did Hana and George do in the creek behind their house? Played navy
13. How old was Akira? Ten
14. Did Akira have a brother or a sister? A sister
15. Where did Hana come from before Auschwitz? Theresienstadt
16. What movie did Hana and George want to see, but couldn't because they were Jews? Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs.
17. What did father have the keeper of the main clock do? Set it back fifteen minutes
18. What had been taken away from Hana's family when the Nazi's invaded? Their radio
19. What was the original name of Theresienstadt? Terezin
20. What did the adults do at Theresienstadt? Taught the children in secret lessons
21. How many paintings done by children in Theresienstadt survived the war? 4,500
22. What grade was Hana about to begin when she was forbidden to go to school? Third
23. What year was mother taken? 1941
24. What museum sent Fumiko the drawings? Terezin Ghetto Museum
25. Where was Hana's name in her drawings? Top right hand corner
26. Where was Hana's mother taken to? Ravensbruck
27. What was the birthday gift that Hana got from her mother made out of? Bread
28. What did the center of the yellow star say? Jude
29. What color was the star that every Jew had to wear? Yellow
30. What did the children call the group that they had formed? Small Wings
31. What did Fumiko call her new exhibit? The Holocaust Seen Through Children's Eyes

32. What was the name of Hana's housekeeper? Boshka
33. What kind of dog did Hana have? A wolfhound
34. What was the name of Hana's dog? Sylvia
35. Where was Their father imprisoned? Iglau Gestapo
36. Why was nobody willing to help Fumiko in Terezin? It was a holiday
37. What song did Hana like to sing? The centipede Song
38. What trade did George learn in the concentration camps? Plumbing
39. Who was the only member of the Brady family to survive? George
40. Who told George that Hana was dead? Marta

### **In What Book...**

Did a girl like the Centipede Song?

Did a boy survive the concentration camps of Nazi Germany?

Did a suitcase have polka dot lining?

Did a man work six days a week at a store?