

Sophomore Summer Reading

Sophomore MAPPS students for 2008-2009 are required to read Corrie ten Boom's The Hiding Place, a story of the holocaust of World War II. During the first week of class, students will be tested on the content of the book and will also be required to write a 500-word essay, based on the book, on a topic of the teacher's choosing.

The study guide below is given as an aid to the student's thorough study of the book on his/her own during the summer. The test will require the student to know the facts of the book such as the ones in these questions. Students will not give their answers to the teacher, but having answered and reviewed the questions before the test should ensure a better test score.

THE HIDING PLACE

CHAPTER ONE

1. Explain what the one-hundredth birthday party was all about.
2. Explain why Peter is Corrie's favorite nephew.
3. Father has many friends Explain the secret of why so many people of such different backgrounds love Father so much.
4. What had Willem written in his doctoral thesis in 1927? How did it foreshadow the events in Germany of 1937?
5. What had happened to Herr Gutlieber?
6. Describe three incidents of foreshadowing Chapter One.

CHAPTER TWO

7. What was wrong with Betsie? How did this affect her life?
8. Explain the incident with the hat and tell what this shows us about Nollie's character.
9. What did Father tell Corrie about the train case? What lesson did she get from this analogy?
10. Explain how Corrie felt after she touched the dead baby. How did father comfort her? What analogy did he use?
11. Copy the reference to the hiding place made in this chapter. What does it mean?

CHAPTER THREE

12. How did Corrie first meet Karel?
13. How did Mama explain Tante Bep's chronic unhappiness? What did she say people have to do to be happy?
14. How did Tante Jans react to the news of her imminent death? Why was this a surprise to the family? To what did Corrie attribute this?
15. What thrilled Mama most about her trip through the country to Made?
16. Describe Corrie's relationship with Karel at Made
17. What warning does Willem give Corrie about Karel How does his warning come true?
18. What does Father advise Corrie to do with the love she has felt for Karel?

CHAPTER FOUR

19. What illness struck Mama? When and how did this happen?

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20. What new discovery about love does Corrie make as a consequence of her mother's life during her illness?
21. What miracle occurred during Nollie's wedding?
22. How did a common cold make a big difference in the work arrangements at the Beje?
23. What distinction does Corrie earn through her work at the Beje?
24. How did Otto threaten Christoffels? How did this relate to what was going on inside Germany?

CHAPTER FIVE

25. What did the Prime Minister tell the radio audience about the possibility of war coming to Holland?
26. What was Father's response to the Prime Minister's remarks?
27. How much later did the invasion occur?
28. What astonished Corrie about Betsie's prayer?
29. Describe Corrie's vision on the night of the invasion.
30. Why did the watch shop do so well in the first years of the war?
31. List at least four changes brought about by the Germans in the first months after the invasion?
32. What lie does Corrie tell? Why?
33. What did Corrie find in her bed? What might have happened? Why didn't it?
34. How does Father feel about the Germans? Why?
35. Who is Kik? What does he tell Corrie that she must learn?
36. Why did Father and Corrie stop and introduce themselves to Harry de Vries? What did they learn about the dogs?
37. What is a completed Jew?
38. What happened when Corrie prayed about the Heemstras?

CHAPTER SIX

39. Why was Peter arrested and imprisoned?
40. What are the S. D.?
41. How did Fred Koornstra help Corrie?
42. Explain who the Smits were?
43. Describe the construction of the secret room.

CHAPTER SEVEN

44. Explain what a "razzia" was and how Flip and Nollie tried to prepare for one.
45. Who is Cockie and what did she tell the soldiers? Why? What was the result of her honesty?
46. How did Nollie defend Cocky's action?
47. What was wrong with the DeBoer house as a shelter for the DeVries?
48. What happened to Christoffels? Why?
49. What favor did Rolf van Vliet do for the ten Booms? How did he do this?
50. What favor did Rolf ask in return?
51. What is meant by the statement, "The long, cruel winter had opened up places at several addresses"?
52. What role did the Beje play in "God's underground"?
53. What did Corrie ask the pastor of the church outside Haarlem to do? What was his response?
54. What did Father say he considered to be the greatest honor that could come to his family?

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55. Describe the system of coding that the ten Booms used when talking over their telephone.
56. What was Eusie's real name? What did he add to the life at the Beje?
57. Name and identify the other permanent member of the ten Boom household.
58. Describe the drills in preparation for a raid on the Beje. What problems were discovered in the first few drills?
59. Corrie describes the Beje as "our happy household" during this time. What made it a "happy household" in spite of all the troubles?

CHAPTER EIGHT

60. What had Nollie done that caused Katrien to tell Corrie that she had gone mad?
61. How does the incident with Nollie fulfill the foreshadowing of Chapter 1?
62. How did Mietje help?
63. What message did Nollie send to Corrie about Annaliese? How did her belief come true?
64. How did Corrie arrange for Nollie's release?
65. Explain the window-washing incident.
66. What was the purpose of the weekly prayer meetings at the Beje?
67. Describe the incident with Otto.
68. What did the ten Booms realize when Mrs. Beuker came to the door?
69. What did Corrie put in her prison bag?
70. What did the police chief ask Corrie to do? What did she do instead?

CHAPTER NINE

71. Why is Corrie still in bed when the houseguests deposit their nightclothes in the hiding place?
72. How did the man from Ermelo meet Corrie's eyes?
73. What did this man want? Why?
74. What did Corrie throw in the hiding place at the last minute? What did she use to conceal the door to the hiding place?
75. What was the hardest thing Corrie had ever done? Why did she do it?
76. Who were Willemse and Kapteyn? What did they do?
77. What was the purpose of the Alpina sign? How was it used? Why didn't it work?
78. Since the Gestapo believed there was a secret room but could not find it, how did they propose to capture the hidden Jews?
79. What did Father reply when asked what the Bible said about obeying the government?
80. How many people were arrested in the raid on the Beje?
81. Why did Peter want Corrie to be quiet once they were left in the jail?
82. What Biblical passage did Father quote from memory for evening prayers in jail? What was its significance to the situation?
83. How is the description of the actual event of leaving Haarlem different from Corrie's two visions?

CHAPTER TEN

84. The prisoners were taken to what city to be interrogated? What was the significance of this city to Holland?
85. How did Father respond when told he would be released if he would give his word not to "cause any more trouble"?
86. Where did Corrie last see her father? Describe their parting?
87. Name and describe Corrie's cellmates.
88. What did Corrie soon learn to fear above all else in the prison cell?

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90. What subtle danger did Corrie find in playing cards?
91. Why was Corrie taken to the hospital? How did the nurse help Corrie?
92. What diagnosis was made of Corrie's condition? What did the doctor say to her about her diagnosis?
93. Describe Corrie's new cell and her treatment there. What improvement did the new cell have over the old one?
94. How did Corrie make a knife? What did she use it for?
95. What came to help Corrie endure her solitary confinement?
96. What information did Corrie learn on Hitler's birthday? How did she get this information?
97. What were the contents of the package from Nollie? What message came with the package? How was the message conveyed?
98. What news came in the letter and what was Corrie's reaction?

CHAPTER ELEVEN

99. Why did Corrie pray to be interrogated by the person in the fourth hut?
100. Describe Lt. Rahms' treatment of Corrie.
101. What did the interrogations make clear that the Gestapo thought the Beje had been?
102. What other activities did Corrie describe to Lt. Rahms?
103. What darkness does the lieutenant say there is his life? What does he mean when he says he is in a prison stronger than Scheveningen?
104. Why was Corrie told to walk slowly in Corridor F? How did this make her feel?
105. How did the lieutenant arrange for a family reunion?
106. What had happened to Kik?
107. How had the Jews in the Beje escaped?

CHAPTER TWELVE

108. Why did Corrie think they were being evacuated?
109. How were Corrie and Betsie reunited?
110. How long had they been in Scheveningen?
111. Why were Corrie and Betsie joyous when they crossed the Moerdijk Bridge?
112. Why was the prison at Vught built? Who built it?
113. Explain the purpose and use of the bunkers. How did the "train case" help Corrie when she learned about the bunkers?
114. What did Betsie believe her purpose was in being in prison?
115. What work details were Corrie and Betsie each given?
116. What important piece of information do the prisoners learn when the male German guard let it slip to the factory foreman?
117. Who was Jan Vogel and what did Corrie feel when she learned about him? How did Betsie react to the same information? How did Betsie's perspective help Corrie?
118. What did "thick clouds" refer to? Explain what happened as a result of this signal? How was it replaced?
119. What was the Princes Irene Brigade? What hopes did the prisoners have in regard to it?
120. What happened to seven hundred male prisoners some days after the Germans started blowing up the bridges?
121. What kind of train cars did the ten Booms and the other prisoners ride in on this trip? Describe the conditions of these cars? How were they able sit down?
122. How did the passengers finally manage to get some fresh air?
123. Where were the women when the chapter ended?

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

124. What was Ravensbruck? Describe the place.
125. What was the problem with the straw in the open shelter? What did the women have to do to protect themselves from this problem?
126. Describe the conditions that the women endured the first night of their stay in Ravensbruck?
127. How did Corrie and Betsie manage to keep a few possessions? What were the possessions?
128. Throughout the book Corrie makes references to the train case analogy that her father had used to explain why she did not need to know about *sexsin*. What happens on page 194 which causes her to need this advice?
129. What symbolism does Corrie see in the Friday morning medical inspections?
130. What was the chief problem with the permanent quarter of Barracks 28? How did Betsie react to the problem?
131. What strange thing was happening with the Davitamon bottle? How does Betsie explain this?
132. What did the guard do to Betsie when she could only shovel small amounts?
133. What did Corrie start to do as a result? How did Betsie stop her?

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

134. Who was Mien? How did she help Betsie and Corrie?
135. Describe what Corrie saw as she entered the hospital through the latrine.
136. What job did Betsie get after her hospitalization? What were its advantages?
137. Why did they have so much freedom in the big room? What was ironic about this?
138. How did Corrie avoid transportation to work on munitions? Why did she not want to go to this duty?
139. What did Betsie believe that they would be doing in the future?
140. What did the story imply happened to the sickest patients when overcrowding in the hospital reached a certain point?
141. Describe the acts that Corrie said showed her selfishness.
142. How did Corrie and Betsie use the newspapers that were smuggled to them?
143. What did Betsie describe to Corrie after they got her back in bed after sick call?
144. What surprising thing did the Snake do for Betsie?
145. What did Betsie say would happen by the first of the year?
146. What did Mien show Corrie about Betsie? What did this mean to Corrie and all those who observed Betsie?
147. What became of the blue sweater? How did Corrie interpret this?

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

148. What happened to Corrie's feet as the result of one of the prisoners being absent from roll call? What had happened to the woman?
149. Why was Corrie not released after the medical inspection?
150. What was "the most fatal disease of the concentration camp," according to Corrie? What examples of it did she find in the hospital?
151. How was Corrie dressed and equipped when she left Ravensbruck?
152. How was Betsie's prophecy about the New Year fulfilled?
153. What problems did Corrie have on her train trip to Holland?
154. What was Corrie doing when she begged, "Just five minutes more"? Why did she beg?

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155. Why did Corrie compare herself to "a savage watching his first civilized meal"?
156. How did Corrie break the law in continuing her journey to Hilversum?
157. What bad news did she learn in Hilversum?
158. How did she manage the trip the rest of the way to Haarlem?
159. What had happened to the Beje in the absence of its owners?
160. What people did Corrie bring to fill the empty rooms of the Beje?
161. What did Corrie finally realize that she was looking for and couldn't find in the Beje?
What message did she begin to deliver as a result of this realization?
162. What had happened to the Bride of Haarlem tree and the tulips in the fields?
163. Who was Mrs. Barrens de Han and how did she help to fulfill one of Betsie's visions?
Why did she do this?
164. When did the Allies retake Holland?
165. What turned out to be the "key to healing" for all the people who came to Bloominda's?
166. Who did these people have the most trouble forgiving? What was happening to these people who were not being forgiven? What was Corrie's final solution to the problem?
167. What did the visiting nurses and doctors think strange about the way Corrie ran things at Bloominda's? How did most of the people there eventually begin to work "out the deep pain within them"?
168. Who did Corrie see at a church service in Munich who brought back all of the pain of Ravensbruck? How did Corrie finally greet him?
169. What was Darmstadt and how did it fulfill Betsie's third vision?
- 170. "SINCE THEN..."**
171. When did the family finally learn what had happened to Kik? What had happened to him?
172. What did Corrie learn in 1959 about her release?