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Summer Reading Study Guide – Please download and complete the study guide below as you read your assigned novel. The study guide is due on the first day of school. No exceptions!

**Grade 10/College Prep and Advanced American Literature:
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak**

1. Who places Liesel Meminger in foster care?
2. Who is the narrator of this novel?
3. How does the reader know Liesel's brother is sick?
4. How are Liesel and her brother traveling to the foster care system?
5. How many armed guards escort Liesel when she helps to bury her dead brother?
6. To which German city is Liesel being relocated by the foster care system?
7. What adjectives best describe Rosa Hubermann?
8. What instrument does Hans Hubermann play?
9. What activity does Hans Hubermann convince Liesel to do after she has been in the house for a few weeks?
10. Why does Liesel struggle in school?
11. What is the BDM?
12. What does Rosa do for a living?
13. What does Liesel clean off the door frame every day, left by Frau Hollapfel?
14. What sport does Liesel regularly play with the neighborhood kids?
15. What sport is Rudy most interested in?
16. What does Rudy use to darken his body in the hopes of emulating Jesse Owens?
17. Which character teaches Liesel how to read?
18. What does Hans Hubermann do for a living?
19. At which holiday does Liesel finish reading "The Gravedigger's Handbook"?
20. What is the name of the street where Liesel lives with the Hubermann family?
21. What does Hans sell in order to buy Liesel two new books?
22. Why is Rosa fired by various customers while Liesel is learning how to read?

23. Why does Liesel steal money from Rosa?
24. How does Rosa react when she realizes Liesel is stealing from her?
25. To what institution is the Fuehrer most closely tied?
26. What event does the city stage in celebration of the Fuehrer's birthday?
27. How does Liesel feel about the scheduled book burning?
28. Why is Hans Jr. embarrassed to be seen with his father?
29. What book does Hans Jr. think is the most valuable book ever written?
30. What political party does Liesel think her mother belonged to?
31. Which body part does Liesel's school friend break while attending the book burning?
32. What part of her body is burned when Liesel steals a copy of "The Shoulder Shrug"?
33. Where does Liesel sit and wait for Hans to come and pick her up from the book burning?
34. How does Liesel describe the sensation of being burned at the book burning?
35. From where does the shadow witness Liesel stealing a book from the bonfire?
36. How does Rosa feel about Liesel writing letters to her mother?
37. How does Hans react when he finds out Liesel stole a book from the bonfire?
38. Who sees Liesel steal the book from the bonfire?
39. Which customer is Liesel so afraid of that she skips over her house whenever possible?
40. How does Liesel react when she sees Frau Hermann's library?
41. What mysterious character is described as living in the dark shadows of Stuttgart?
42. When the mysterious character living in the shadows is brought food and keys, which character is the mystery character urged to locate?
43. What book does Liesel spend all of her time reading during her first summer with the Hubermann family?
44. Which of Frau Hermann's relatives dies, leaving her deeply depressed?
45. What adjective does Liesel use to describe Frau Hermann during the summer she spends reading with her?
46. What activities do Rudy and Liesel spend the summer doing?
47. What does Rudy's father, Herr Steiner, do for a living?
48. What type of soup does Rosa Hubermann make once a week to feed her family?
49. What type of fruit do Rudy and Liesel steal from local farmers?
50. What does Liesel purchase with the coin she finds on the street outside Frau Dillard's house?
51. What book does the mysterious young man take on the train with him while traveling cross country?
52. Outside of which building do Rudy and Liesel ice the sidewalk so they can steal a basket of food?
53. How long do Liesel and Rudy work with the gang leader before he moves away?
54. How does the mysterious young man get into the Hubermann household?
55. Where was Hans Hubermann stationed when he fought in WWI?

56. Which branch of the armed forces did Hans Hubermann fight in during WWI?
57. What ethnicity was Erik Vandenberg?
58. What instrument did Erik Vandenberg play?
59. Why was young Hans Hubermann asked to stay behind during his fight of WWI?
60. How many soldiers survived the battle Hans Hubermann sat out during WWI?
61. Who did Hans credit with saving his life during WWI?
62. How did Erik Vandenberg's widow react when Hans brought her husband's instrument home to her?
63. What did Hans give to Erik Vandenberg's widow with the hopes of being able to help her family one day?
64. Where did Max Vandenberg grow up?
65. Why was Max Vandenberg bullied as a child?
66. How many fights did Max Vandenberg get in with his nemesis, Walter Kugler?
67. As a child, who saved Max from the Gestapo when they were removing Jews from the neighborhood?
68. How long is Max in hiding before being moved to Hans Hubermann's house?
69. In which room of the Hubermann household does Max hide while he is living with them?
70. Upon arriving safely to the Hubermann household, how long does Max sleep, uninterrupted?
71. What inanimate object does Max credit with saving his life?
72. What does Max give to Liesel for her birthday?
73. Which school subject does Liesel practice regularly with Max?
74. What act does Max request from Liesel?
75. What book does Liesel read over and over in Frau Hermann's library?
76. How does Liesel react when Frau Hermann offers a book to her as a gift?
77. What object does Liesel regularly fish out of the trash bins to bring home to Max?
78. What does Liesel describe for Max using the most colorful language she can think of?
79. Which sport does Max regularly dream he is participating in with Adolf Hitler?
80. Which nation does Max dream will eventually rise up and beat Hitler to the ground?
81. What emotion does Max feel comfortable expressing only in his journal?
82. What does Max use to keep records of his emotions in the journal?
83. How does Liesel react when she catches a glimpse into Max's journal?
84. What does Liesel shout to Frau Hermann when the Frau fires Rosa from her laundry service?
85. How does Liesel feel after her outburst against Frau Hermann?
86. What ailment afflicts Tommy Muller?
87. Which character stands up for Tommy Muller when he is being abused?
88. When Rudy is punished in Hitler Youth camp, what is he made to do?
89. How does Viktor Chemmel compare to the last gang leader Liesel worked with?
90. Why doesn't Viktor Chemmel like or respect Liesel?

91. After their raid with Viktor Chemmel, how many apples are Liesel and Rudy given as payment?
92. How do Rudy and Liesel break into the mayor's house?
93. What does Liesel steal from the mayor's house the first time she breaks in?
94. What does Liesel accidentally leave behind in the mayor's house while she is robbing him?
95. What excuse does Rudy give the shopkeeper when he is caught stealing apples from the market?
96. What question does the Hitler Youth leader ask Rudy on the street before beating him in front of his friends?
97. What does the Hitler Youth leader use to cut Rudy's hair in the middle of the street?
98. What does Rudy ask Liesel for after he rescues her book from the river?
99. What does Liesel bring into Max's room on Christmas Eve?
100. Who fears that Max has caught an incurable cold?
101. During what month of the year does Max collapse in the basement?
102. What items does Liesel give to Max hoping it will heal him from his sickness?
103. How many gifts does Liesel bring to Max in total during his time of sickness?
104. What is the title of the book Liesel steals from Frau Hermann's library while Max is sick?
105. What does Rosa shout at Liesel for, signaling to her that Max has awoken from his coma?
106. During what month of the year does Liesel resume playing soccer with her neighborhood friends?
107. Why are men trolling the neighborhood where Liesel lives during her soccer game?
108. How does Liesel manage to warn Max about the men trolling the neighborhood, who may discover him?
109. During what year do the air raids begin in Munich?
110. What color do Hans' neighbors ask him to paint their windows?
111. What adjective does Liesel use to describe the process of mixing paint?
112. What alcoholic beverage is Hans paid in, which he allows Liesel to drink with him?
113. How does Liesel describe the alcoholic drink she sips with Hans?
114. How many races does Rudy sign up for during the Hitler Youth carnival?
115. How many races does Rudy WIN during the Hitler Youth carnival?
116. What does Frau Hermann leave on her windowsill for Liesel to collect?
117. How does Frau Hermann react when she realizes that Liesel is stealing from her?
118. Who is Rudy most terrified of seeing him fail?
119. Which character does NOT get up in the middle of the night during the air raid sirens?
120. Where are Liesel and her family expected to hide out during the air raid drills?
121. Which of her belongings does Liesel bring into the bomb shelter with her during air raids?
122. How long has Max been hiding in the basement before he sees the sky?

123. What does Frau Holtzapfel offer to trade Liesel in exchange for reading sessions?
124. What does Hans offer to the starving Jewish soldier he sees being marched through the streets?
125. To which concentration camp is the starving prisoner being relocated?
126. With what weapon are both Hans and the starving prisoner beaten by the guard?
127. What does Rudy hear when he eavesdrops on the conversation between the Nazi party and his parents?
128. How do Rudy's parents feel when the Nazi party offers Rudy a full scholarship to one of their training schools?
129. Why is the Nazi party interested in giving Rudy a full scholarship to their school?
130. Which character is in the room with Rudy when he has to strip naked for the Nazi physical?
131. How does Rudy feel after the Nazi physical?
132. What punishment does Hans receive for helping the starving Jew from the parade?
133. How does Hans learn that he has been accepted in the Nazi party?
134. How does Hans react to the news that he is going to be drafted to the war?
135. Which character is drafted to the war at the same time as Hans?
136. What confession does Rudy make to Liesel when they run away from home together?
137. After Hans is drafted to the war, what sound does Liesel hear at night that wakes her from sleep?
138. Which unit is Hans assigned to in the war?
139. What is Hans' major responsibility during the war?
140. What action does Hans cease doing once he arrives on the war front?
141. What food item does Liesel leave around town in case the Jewish prisoners get hungry?
142. What title does Max give to his journal before skipping town?
143. According to Max's dreams, what is Liesel meant to shake in opposition to Hitler?
144. During their only Christmas together, what does Liesel give to Rudy as a gift?
145. What food item does Liesel find on Frau Hermann's desk around Christmas time?
146. According to Frau Hermann, who owns the library in her house?
147. In what German city is Hans stationed during the war?
148. What card game does Hans regularly play with his troops?
149. During what month of the year does Frau Holtzapfel's son come home from the war?
150. In which Russian city did Frau Holtzapfel's son die?
151. What does the disgruntled card player steal from Hans after their game?
152. How does the disgruntled card player die?
153. When the disgruntled card player dies, what part of Hans' body is broken?
154. In what month of the year does Hans return home from the war?
155. Why does Rudy pack a toolbox?

156. Which character tries to bully Frau Holtzapfel into the air raid shelter when she refuses to go?
157. Who is the first character to see the fire in the distance upon emerging from the air raid shelter?
158. What ethnicity is the pilot whose plane has crashed near the river?
159. What does Rudy give to the dying pilot in the hopes of comforting him during death?
160. What job does Hans take upon returning home from the war?
161. Who does Liesel continue to search for during the prisoner parades through town?
162. How does Michael Holtzapfel die?
163. Who does Michael write a letter to shortly before his death?
164. Where is Michael Holtzapfel's body found?
165. Who breaks the news to Frau Holtzapfel that her son has died?
166. What does Liesel attempt to do with Max when she sees him being paraded through town?
167. In which German city is Max captured?
168. Who saves Liesel from being beaten to death by the German soldier guarding Max?
169. What is Frau Hermann's first name?
170. What gift does Frau Hermann claim Liesel has?
171. What is the name of the book Liesel writes after seeing Max in the parade?
172. In which room of the house is Liesel hiding during the final air raid?
173. Which character is NOT killed during the final air raid?
174. What does Liesel give to Rudy when she sees his dead body in the rubble?
175. Who ends up with Hans' accordion at the end of the novel?
176. What is the only thing Liesel does after the final air raid?
177. For which character does Liesel end up working at the end of the novel?
178. In which country does Liesel die?
179. What does Death have in his pocket when he comes to claim Liesel?
180. What happens to Max at the end of the novel?