

The Book Thief Reading Notes Part 4 and 5

- 1) Describe how Hans survived WW1 and how he learned to play the accordion.
- 2) Explain what Hans's experience in WW1 has to do with Max.
- 3) How would you characterize Max in these two parts of the story? Make reference to 3 specific parts in the story to support your answer.
- 4) What was Max good at when he was younger? How did he do? Who did he have trouble beating?
- 5) Why do you think the key was concealed in Mein Kampf?
- 6) Go on line and research what sort of punishment the Nazis handed out to those who hid Jews.
- 7) How is Liesel important to the survival of Max? How important is she to his sanity?
- 8) Why would Liesel think she is going to hell?
- 9) How is Viktor Chemmel different from Arthur Berg?
- 10) Making reference to a few events to date in the story...explain why Rudy needs a "win".
- 11) Describe Rudy's three acts of stupidity. Based on these and his performance so far, what sort of person is Rudy? How has his characterization changed since the beginning of the story?