Ms. Hardage’s Maus Study Guide

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1. In Prisoner on the Hell Planet the “prisoner” of the title refers to which character?

2. The seamstress is arrested because?

3. On page 30, Vladek says “You never knew [Richieu]. He didn’t come out from the war” which implies Richieu…

4. While Anja refused to let Ilzecki take Richieu into hiding, she lets Persis do so because why?

5. What does Vladek discover while snooping in Anja’s closet?

6. List reasons why Vladek whats Lucia kept out of his story.

7. The title of chapter 2 “Honeymoon” is an example of what literary device?

8. The character trait that is most emphasize about Vladek throughout the novel is?

9. In chapter 4, “The Noose Tightens,” the feet of the hanged men linger over Vladek because

10. What genres could Maus be classified as?

11. What direction does the reader’s eye follow as she reads a layout?

12. According to Spiegelman’s construction of Maus, the primary storyline is

13. Who does Spiegelman credit as co-author of his novel for providing him with the metaphoric language of the novel?

1. It is implied that Vladek marries Anja rather than Lucia because

15. In the book which example BEST shows the “masks” of the characters falling off (the pig mask is a metaphor)?

16. In the frame that is the entrance to Auschwitz, the words above the gate, arbeit macht frei (“work will set you free”), are covered up by a text box. Why?

17. Pair how the author depicts the animals.

18. What does Vladek do to Art's coat?

19. How does the elder Vladek exercise?

20. Who introduces Vladek to Anja?

21. How does Lucia get revenge on Vladek when she hears of his engagement?

22. In what country is the sanitarium to which Anja is brought after she becomes depressed?

23. When Vladek and Anja return from the sanitarium, what has happened to their factory?

24. What did Vladek's father do to try and prevent his joining the army?

25. What game do the P.O.W.s play at the camp?

26. At the P.O.W. camp, who visits Vladek in a dream?

27. In Vladek's dream at the P.O.W. camp, on what day will he be released?

28. What does Vladek see has happened to his father when he returns from the P.O.W. camp?

29. What chore does Vladek ask Art to help him with on his third visit to Rego Park?

30. When Vladek returns to Sosnowiec from the P.O.W. camp, how many people are living in Anja's father's house?

31. Who said, “A new tape recorder…Writing things down is just too hard.”?

32. “Mainly I remember arguing with him… and being told that I couldn’t do anything as well as he could,” said whom?

32. Who said, "To die is easy.. But you have to struggle for life”?

33. At the P.O.W. camp, Vladek stands out from the other prisoners in that he did what?

34. The fact that Vladek has chocolate to give to Orbach’s daughters is a good example of his ?

35. Richieu is ultimately killed how?

36. Artie calls Vladek a “murderer” upon learning that Vladek did what?

37. The author of Maus is?

38. What is the relationship of the author to Vladek?

39. Which animal does the author use to depict the Germans?

40. What animal does the author use to depict the Jews?