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## Number the Stars: Whole Book Questions

1. What is the setting of *Number the Stars*?

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2. Who was Peter Neilsen's character based on in real life?

- a. Adolf Hitler      b. Annelise Platt  
c. King Christian      d. Kim Maltha Bruun



4. Which plot element does the following event represent?

Ellen, Annemarie, and Kirsti walk home from school together and are stopped by Nazi soldiers.

- a. exposition      b. rising action  
c. climax      d. resolution

5. Which plot element does the following event represent?

The Johansens discover the Rosens might be in danger because they are Jewish and Nazi soldiers are looking for them.

- a. exposition      b. conflict  
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Why did Lois Lowry include this quote from Kim Malthe-Bruun? What connection does it have to the story?



8. Why did Ellen move in with the Johansen family in chapter 4?

- a. Her parents were called away on business.
- b. Her parents died in a tragic accident.
- c. Annemarie was afraid to sleep alone after the soldiers confronted them.
- d. She had to hide because she could be in danger.

9. Explain how the handkerchief in chapter 15 helps those in hiding.

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- b. 3rd person limited
- c. 2nd person
- d. 3rd person omniscient

11. What is the Star of David a symbol of?

- a. Christianity
- b. Denmark
- c. Sweden
- d. Judaism

12. Where did the title, *Number the Stars*, come from?  
What does that phrase mean in the story?



A cartoon superhero with brown hair, wearing a blue suit and a red cape, is flying through a blue sky with white clouds. The superhero's chest has a shield-shaped emblem with the letters 'STW' inside.

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13. What is a theme of the story? Be sure to include **at least** two details from the text that support your stated theme.

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Answers may vary, but should mention Copenhagen, Denmark during the 1930s (World War II), Europe. Students may also mention that the setting changes to Uncle Henrik's home in Gilleleje, Denmark halfway through the story.

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