

Reading Response  
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The Boy in Striped  
Pajamas

By John Boyne 160

14. What have you learned about this time in history?

My book takes place in WWII during the Holocaust. And believe me, I know abt about WWII.

Adolf Hitler rose to power in Germany in the late 19~~30s~~ 30s. He invaded Poland in 1939, and then France one year later. After ~~the~~ he invaded France, Great Britain, and the USSR, declared war on Germany, along with Italy. The Germans introduced their unstoppable style of war in the ~~early~~ early months of the war, called Blitzkrieg, or lightning war, whenever the Nazis (or Germans) invaded somewhere, the Luftwaffe, or Nazi air force, came in and dropped ~~bombs~~ bombs to clear the way. Then ~~the~~ the Panzer tanks and half-tracks would come in.

Finally, the infantry came in to finish it up. The Nazis were extremely good at this, considering they took Denmark (or maybe it was the Netherlands,) in one day. By 1940 they had control of almost all of Europe by 1941, but that's when the Yankees arrived. The Japanese, who controlled most of Eastern Asia and the Philippines, bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, at about 6:00 in the morning. The Americans responded by declaring war the very next day. By 1943, the Americans had taken back most of the Japanese territories, winning important battles such as Midway, Taiwan, and Guadalcanal. Meanwhile, the biggest invasion ever in history took place on June 6, 1944, on the beaches of Normandy, France. The Americans, British, and Canadians invaded the beaches, pushing the Nazis

back to Germany, only being halted once at the battle of Bulge, the heaviest casualties count battle in history. Finally, the USSR reached Berlin after coming all the way from Stalingrad. Then, in August 1945, the Americans dropped 2 atomic bombs on Japan, one on Hiroshima and one on Nagasaki, ending the war for good.

While all this was going on, the Gestapo, or Nazi secret police, were hunting down Jews and putting them in prison camps to work. Jews at Auschwitz (I think that's how you spell it) would usually get killed right away. All the Jews had to wear an armband with David's Star on it so the Nazis knew who they were. This period in time (1940-1944) is known as the Holocaust. This book teaches you to not judge people based on how



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they look or act, It is a great reminder to all of us.

21. Why do you think the author wrote this story?

I think John Boyne wrote this story to teach people about being cruel. He is trying to tell you not to judge people based on how they look or act. The Jews shouldn't have been mistreated, and no one should be mistreated today. He is trying to teach us about diversity and being kind.

1. Who is the main character? Describe him or her.

The main character is Bruno. He is nine years old and is very funny. He likes to slide down banisters and explore. When he grows up, he wants to be an explorer like Christopher Columbus. He is also very nice and obedient.