



AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY ACTIVITY

RENÉ GOLDMAN

Instructions: Use information gathered from recollections to fill in the blanks and answer the questions on the worksheet. Each fill-in-the-blank and question has an answer in the recollections. Each time you use a recollection to answer a question, add it to *My Collection* by tapping or clicking *Collect*. You should end up with ten recollections in *My Collection*.

You will use *My Collection* in Lesson 5 and Lesson 6. You can find additional information about each recollection, including location, date and glossary terms, by tapping or clicking *More Info*.

The recollections are in chronological order, and the questions are in chronological order.

1. René's mother, Mira, was from an observant Jewish family that lived in the country of _____, and her grandfather was a distinguished _____ who believed in access to education for girls. René's father became a _____ by profession when he moved to France.

2. René was _____ years old when the war broke out in Luxembourg, in May 19____. How did René feel when he saw the Germans marching in his country?

3. René was sitting in a _____ in Belgium when he was verbally attacked by other children for wearing the yellow star. How did he feel after this act of discrimination, and how did his parents respond?

4. From Belgium, René and his parents fled to France in the summer of 1942. What was happening to René and his mother when he was saved by Aunt Fella?

5. Due to rising danger, René was sent to live in a children's home run by an organization called _____. What did this organization do during World War II?

→ **HINT:** You can find additional information about each recollection, including location, date and glossary terms, by tapping or clicking *More Info*.

6. After moving to a safer hiding spot, a boarding school in a convent, René gradually came to seek comfort by practicing the religion of _____.

7. Later in the war, René was sent to another hiding spot on a farm with an elderly peasant couple who asked René to call them _____ and _____. What was different about life in this hiding spot compared to his previous hiding spot in a Catholic convent?

8. Although the French city of Lyon was liberated in September 19____, the war in Europe did not end until spring 19____. How did René first become aware of the existence of death camps and gas chambers?

9. After the war, as René and many other Jewish children were wondering what happened to their parents, they lived in children's homes run by Jewish organizations. Did either of René's parents return from deportation?

10. René has lived in many different countries. In 1963 he immigrated to the province of _____ in Canada. What is his attitude towards Canada compared to all of the other countries in which he has lived?

From Menu, tap or click on *My Collection* and List to see a list of the recollections that you've selected during the Author Biography Activity. As a group, choose three of these recollections to present to the class during Lesson 6. Find recollections in at least two forms (video, memoir excerpt, photograph or artifact), and be prepared to explain why you chose those particular recollections.

- One recollection should relate to the author's *Family*
Recollection titled: _____

- One recollection should relate to the author's experience of *Discrimination & Persecution*
Recollection titled: _____

- One recollection should relate to the author's life in *Hiding*
Recollection titled: _____