



# AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY ACTIVITY

## ELLY GOTZ

**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 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. Elly's father wanted to be an \_\_\_\_\_, but instead he worked in a bank as a bookkeeper. Elly's mother worked as a \_\_\_\_\_, but after Elly was born she became a dressmaker. Were any members of Elly's family religious?

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2. What is antisemitism and when did Elly experience it as a young boy in Kovno?

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3. On June 22, 19\_\_\_\_, the German army invaded the Soviet Union and the territories it holds, including Lithuania. Who were the White Armbanders and what did they do to Jews?

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4. Elly and his family moved into the Kovno ghetto on August 15, 19\_\_\_\_. What was life like in the ghetto?

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5. In the summer of 19\_\_\_, Elly's baby cousin Shulamit is smuggled out of the ghetto. Why do her parents send her away and what is the new name that she is given?

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6. Elly's family refuses to be captured and killed by the German occupiers. What do they plan to do if they are discovered in their hiding place?

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7. In July 19\_\_\_, Elly's family and many other Jews are deported from Kovno. What is the journey like and where do they end up?

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8. What is Elly's biggest problem while he is a slave labourer at Kaufering?

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9. Although the war is nearly over in April 1945 when the prisoners are moved from Kaufering to Dachau, Elly feared that his father would starve to death. What were his father's first words when Elly told him that the American liberators had arrived?

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10. What is apartheid and why did Elly choose to raise his family in Canada rather than in South Africa?

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