



AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY ACTIVITY

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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. Johnny was born in the city of _____, in Poland. What does Johnny remember about life with his family in the 1930s?

2. Germany invaded Poland in September _____. How did life for Jews change during the German occupation?

3. On October 28, _____, there was an *Aktion* in the Krakow ghetto. What is an *Aktion*? How did Johnny explain why he was not taken and killed along with his family?

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4. After the ghetto was liquidated, Johnny was sent to live in the Plaszow labour camp in January _____. What were the living conditions in Plaszow, and how did Johnny get a position in the carpentry shop?

5. When Johnny was sick in the camp hospital, what did the camp's doctor tell him to do to stay alive?

6. In February _____, Johnny and other skilled workers from the carpentry shop were shipped to Birkenau in the Auschwitz concentration camp complex. What happened to people who arrived at Birkenau, and how many people were killed there?

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7. What is a death march? What does Johnny remember about the death march from Auschwitz in January 1945?

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8. In the final months of the war, Johnny was sent to several camps. How important was hope to Johnny at this stage of the war?

9. Johnny experienced liberation in May _____. What did Johnny and his friend Joseph do when they realized the guards had abandoned the camp?

10. In _____, Johnny took on a new identity and changed his name to _____, in order to qualify for Canada's War Orphans Project for teenagers. How many war orphans eventually came to Canada as part of this project?

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