



AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY ACTIVITY

MAXWELL SMART

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. Maxwell's family observed Shabbat every Friday night. List three rituals, prayers, or foods that were part of their Shabbat traditions:

2. After the outbreak of World War II in September 19___, the town of Buczacz was occupied by the Soviet army. What was Maxwell's impression of what life was like for Jews under the Soviets?

3. In the face of the imminent German occupation in June 19___, Maxwell's mother decided that the family would stay in Buczacz rather than flee with the Soviet army. How did she explain her decision?

4. Who did the German occupiers target in their first round-up of Jews in Buczacz, and what was their fate?

5. When Maxwell and his family were lined up during a deportation, his mother gave him an order. What did she tell him to do and how did he react?

6. When he was hiding with Jasko, Maxwell had a close call with the police. What did Jasko tell the police, and why didn't they find Maxwell?

7. Why did Maxwell and the other boys run into the river, and why was the Polish farmer scared to let them stay in his barn?

HINT: Go to *More Info* for definitions of terms that Maxwell uses.

8. What did Maxwell do when he realized that Janek was very sick, and what was the outcome of his actions?

9. In October-November 19___, Maxwell immigrated to Canada. What was the War Orphans Project, and what was Maxwell's initial attitude toward Canada?

HINT: Go to *More Info* for a definition of the War Orphans Project.

10. What struggles did Maxwell face as a young man in Canada, and how did he try to change his circumstances?
