Aphasia Book Club

Number the Stars

Chapter 3

Worksheet A

1. In chapter 3, the narrator talks about the families of Denmark needing to ration electricity, fuel and food. The narrator says that, “ Sometimes Ellen’s father, a teacher, complained in frustration because he couldn’t see in the dim light to correct his students’ papers” (19). What situation have you been in where you have needed to ration something, or have not been able to use something that you use everyday? How did you feel about this? What did you do to help the problem?

2. When Annemarie and Ellen find that the Hirsch’s button shop has closed, they immediately begin to worry about what has happened to the family. However, Annemarie’s little sister Kirsti does not worry and explains that, “I think the Hirsch’s all went on a vacation to the seashore” (20). Annemarie and Ellen think that Kirsti is silly and young for thinking that the family went on a vacation. Describe a situation where you, or someone you know, was too little to understand what was really happening.

3. Annemarie loves seeing Peter, regardless of the circumstances. She says, “it was a treat to see Peter. It brought back memories of happier times” (23). Why does Annemarie feel this way? Is there anyone in your life who makes you feel this way?

4. At the very end of chapter 3, Annemarie says that “she was glad to be an ordinary person who would never be called upon for courage”(26). Do you agree or disagree that ordinary people do not get called upon for courage? Why or why not? Have you ever had to use courage for something?