

# The Night Crossing by Karen Ackerman



## Reading Comprehension Worksheets

The Night Crossing, Chapter 1

1. **Where does the story take place?**

Austria

Australia

Germany

2. **When does the story take place?**

1983

1893

1938

1838

3. **Why were Clara's parents talking about leaving?**

Clara's family didn't have any money  
the Nazis were sending Jewish people to prison camps

they wanted a new home

4. **Who are Gittel and Lotte?**

Clara's dolls

Clara's friends

Clara's sisters

Clara's neighbors

5. **Why were Jewish families living in the back rooms and basements of their homes?**

to hide from the neighbors

to make the homes look empty

to escape quickly

to save electricity

6. **Who was among the group chasing Clara and Marta?**

her best friend

Nazi police

her cousin

her neighbor

7. **Why was Clara worried about being taken away?**

she heard rumors at school

she saw the baker taken away

she had nightmares

8. **Who had Clara's dolls once belonged to?**

her mother

her best friend

her sister

her grandmother

9. **From where had Clara's grandmother escaped?**

Germany

Russia

10. **Why did Clara's grandmother have to escape?**

Jewish houses and shops were burned and people beaten in pogroms

Jewish people were being sent to prison camps

# My Book Review



<sup>1</sup>Title \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>2</sup>Author \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup>Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup>This book was: Fiction    Non-fiction    Biography    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup>This story was about:    people    events    facts

<sup>6</sup>Which words tell about the story?    happy    sad    interesting

<sup>7</sup>Did you enjoy this book?    yes    no    some of it

<sup>8</sup>Which part did you like best?    beginning    middle    end

<sup>9</sup>My favorite character was (circle);    Clara    Marta    Mama    Papa

<sup>10</sup>my least favorite character was (underline):    \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>11</sup>Most of the settings in this book were at/in \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>12</sup>My favorite part was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup>Write a few words that will remind you of the book. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>14</sup>My rating for this book:

A super book!



Very Good



This book is okay.



I didn't like it.



<sup>15</sup>By \_\_\_\_\_

## Answer Key

### Chapter 1

1. Austria
2. 1938
3. the Nazis were sending Jewish people to prison camps
4. Clara's dolls
5. to escape quickly
6. her best friend
7. she saw the baker taken away
8. her grandmother
9. Russia
10. Jewish houses and shops were burned and people beaten in pogroms

### Chapter 3

1. in their clothes
2. hair ribbons, mirror, her dolls
3. be quiet
4. a barn in the countryside
5. Austria
6. goat cheese and brown bread
7. no
8. grumpy, tired, sore
9. behind some weeds
10. Mama's stomach rumbled

### Chapter 5

1. 2 miles
2. she only wore cotton socks
3. Nazi soldiers
4. they were noisy
5. hide them in the dolls
6. false
7. saying something she shouldn't
8. they were old dolls
9. fake, false, phony
10. yes

### Chapter 2

1. to sell
2. Switzerland
3. the Nazi police
4. false
5. silver candlesticks
6. in the family for generations
7. for their escape
8. Sabbath blessing
9. true
10. sad

### Chapter 4

1. shoes
2. feet
3. in a goat shed
4. more money
5. true
6. jingled her bracelet
7. to act like she didn't want anyone else to have it
8. true
9. a moonstone bracelet

### Epilogue

1. afterward, conclusion, ending, sequel
2. The war in Europe was still continuing in 1940.
3. England
4. yes
5. Clara's family never heard from her
6. horror
7. they were taken away by the Nazis and never came back
8. yes
9. they admired him for the difficult decision he had to make
10. answer will vary