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Dear Sixth Graders and Parents,

The summer slide: it sounds fun, but it can make the transition from fifth to sixth grade very difficult. GBDS students can start strong in the fall if their reading habits don't slide during the summer months. The more students read, the stronger their skills become in all subject areas. Incoming sixth grade students will be required to read Number the Stars by Lois Lowry.

After reading the novel you must COMPLETE TWO out of the six activities listed below and included and detailed in this packet.

- 1.) A character sketch of Annemarie
- 2.) Persuasive essay about Peter
- 3.) Character analysis
- 4.) Book jacket
- 5.) Journal entries
- 6.) Denmark research project

You may type or handwrite your responses but, please do so neatly. Spelling, punctuation, and neatness do count so make sure you proofread before you hand it in.

This assignment should be brought to school with you on the first day and will count as your very first grade entered into my grade book!

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I am looking forward to an exciting year!

Happy reading,

Mrs. Goff

"Number the Stars" Character Analysis

Choose one character trait to describe each character below. Use evidence from the novel's text to defend each choice.

Annemarie Johansen: _____

Ellen Rosen: _____

Mrs. Johansen: _____

Uncle Henrik: _____

Peter Nielsen: _____

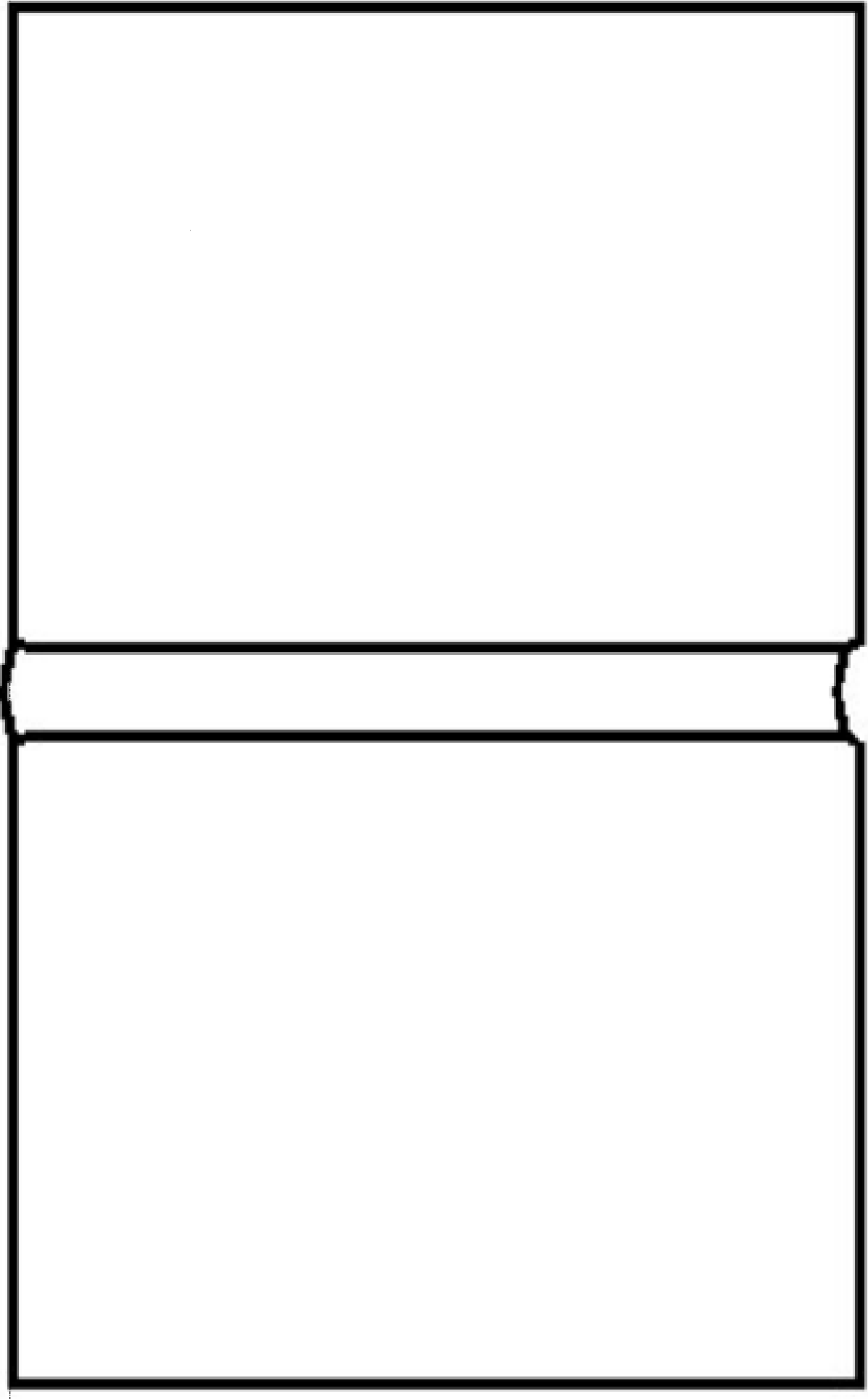
Mr. Johansen: _____

Kristi Johansen: _____

Nazis: _____

“Book Jacket”

Directions: You will be designing a new book jacket for the book *Number the Stars*. You will need to decide what image you would like to have on the cover. On the back you will need to write a summary of the book and two “one paragraph” reviews.



Directions: Pretend that the novel, *Number the Stars*, was written from Ellen's point of view. Write three journal entries dated three different dates in 1940 telling how Ellen must have felt (in her words) during different events in the story.

Dear Journal,

Date:

Sincerely, Ellen

Dear Journal,

Date:

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Dear Journal,

Date:

Sincerely, Ellen

Directions: Illustrate an event below from one of your journal entries.

Caption:

"Denmark" Research Project

Directions: *Number the Stars* takes place in Denmark. Research Denmark and add three interesting facts to each category below. (Complete Sentences)

Population: _____

Write three interesting facts (complete sentences) for each category below.

Denmark's Culture: (Hobbies, Food, Sports, Interests, Holidays)

Denmark's Tourist Attractions:

Denmark's Climate and Natural Landforms:

Writing: Pretend you had one day to spend in a city in Denmark. Write a one page essay about your day in the unique country of Denmark. Include all of the cities you visited; from the restaurants you ate at, a museum that you might have visited or sporting events you might have attended. Use interesting facts from your research in your essay.

