

Discussion Questions:

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Ch. 22

Nina Petrovna, Sasha's teacher, calls Vovka Sobakin an enemy of the state. Do you think Vovka is really an enemy of the state? Why did Vovka attack Nina Petrovna?

Considering how everyone is so suspicious of each other, is anyone safe? Why or why not? Is everyone is rightly accused? _____

Ch. 23

Sasha thinks about Vovka's dad and what a good Communist he was. Do you think Vovka's dad was wrongfully arrested like Sasha's dad? How do you think Sasha feels about the pioneers now? Is he still loyal?

Do you think Sasha will denounce his dad? Will Sasha confess? Do you think he will go to the orphanage or end up in Lubyanka like Finkelstein?

Ch. 24

Sasha says he feels no longer "part of the Communist **we**." He says he is now an enemy of the state and must face the consequences. Why is Sasha running away instead of going to the orphanage?

Sasha listens to Luzhko's lesson on "The Nose." Luzhko warns against blindly following someone else's idea of right and wrong because it could lead to the collapse of the country. Is Sasha blindly following someone? Why? How do you know?

Ch. 25

“The Nose” tells the story about 10 men who confessed to the crime of stealing a pipe even though it was just misplaced. How does this story apply to Sasha? Did the nose change Sasha’s mind about the Communist system? Why do you think this moment is important?
