

**Discussion Questions:**

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**Period:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ch. 26** When Sasha is moved to the back of the room with the rest of the “undesirables,” he claims that he can see much better from here. What does this mean? Does he mean this literally, figuratively, or both? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does Nina Petrovna’s arrest tell us about crime and punishment during Stalin’s time?

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**Ch. 27** Why would Sasha admit to the principal that neither Nina Petrovna nor Finkelstein broke the nose off Stalin’s bust? Why doesn’t the principal care? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ch. 28**

When Sasha firsts goes into the storage room, what does he notice? What do these objects symbolize? How does Sasha feel about seeing them all there?

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During Sasha Zaichik’s conversation with the KGB lieutenant, it is revealed that Sasha’s father turned in his mother to the State Security as a foreign agent. What does this help explain? How might this affect how he sees his father? \_\_\_\_\_

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At the end of their conversation, Sasha agreed to become a KGB informant and join the pioneers. Why does he agree to this? Would you agree if you were in his shoes?

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**Ch. 29**

Finally, the moment Sasha has been waiting for all his life has arrived. How does Sasha feel about becoming a pioneer? What does being a pioneer mean to him now?

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At the end of the chapter, Sasha recalls his father telling him “tomorrow is a big day.” Was he right? How do you predict his life will move forward? \_\_\_\_\_

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