

**Discussion Questions:**

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

**Ch. 12**

Sasha is pressured into hitting Borka Finkelstein, a Jewish student, with a snowball. If you were Sasha, would you stand up for Borka? Why did Sasha choose to throw the snowball at him?

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Why are the students unkind to Borka Finkelstein? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ch. 13**

Vovka used to be Sasha's best friend and a model student. Why do you think that changed?

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Nina Petrovna tells her students that the Soviet classroom is the most democratic in the world. Should students be allowed to vote on whether to send a fellow student to the principal? How is the atmosphere in Sasha's school different from your school?

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**Ch. 14**

Borka Finkelstein asks Sasha if his Mom was arrested and shot for being an American. Sasha says she got sick, and that she was a real Communist. What do you think happened to Sasha's Mom?

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What happened to Borka Finkelstein's parents? What are his plans to see his parents again?

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**Ch. 15**

Sasha unfolds the banner and imagines himself at the May Day parade. What kind of imagery does he describe? Is this propaganda? What does Sasha accidentally do that could damage his future?

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