

Discussion Questions:

Chapter 1

1. Who does Sasha admire and why?

2. Can you see any examples of propaganda in Chapter 1?

3. Why do you think Sasha wrote a letter to Stalin? Would you write a letter to your leader?

4. Can you think of any organizations in your community like the Young Pioneers? If so, compare and contrast.

Chapter 2

1. Can you imagine sharing a kitchen and bathroom with 48 people? How does life in communal apartments compare to your life in America?

2. How does growing up in communal apartments change how one thinks about community, family, friendship, and government?

Discussion Questions:

3. Examine the following photo. What kind of imagery helps us see what life in a communal apartment is like?



Look at the illustration above. Imagine Sasha's dinner in a *Komunalka* and imagine your dinner at home. Fill out the Venn diagram below by listing the similarities and differences between Sasha's dinner and your dinner.

