



SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

NUMBER THE STARS

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Authority

- Who in the story exercised authority?
- Who exercised power without authority?
- Identify some consequences of rules/laws present in the story.

Responsibility

- What responsibilities did Peter take on?
- What were the consequences of Peter carrying out his responsibilities?
- What responsibilities did Annemarie take on?
- What were the consequences of Annemarie carrying out her responsibilities?

Justice

- Use the “Intellectual Tools for Solving Problems of Corrective Justice” chart on page 52 of your text (*Foundations of Democracy, Justice, Grades 3–5*) to examine the wrongs/injuries described in *Number the Stars*.

Privacy

- What information did Annemarie’s parents try to keep private?
- Why did they wish to keep this knowledge to themselves?

We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution

- Connections to text
 1. The Fifth Amendment of the Constitution states: “No person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law...” Describe examples found in *Number the Stars* in which life, liberty and property are taken away without due process of law.

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Writing Prompt

Planning

1. Think about what you want to write.
2. Reread the prompt to make sure you are writing about the topic.
3. Make notes. Use your prewriting skills, such as mapping or outlining.
4. Carefully read the five statements below the prompt.

Writing prompt

Number the Stars tells the story of two young girls and how their friendship is affected by the powerful presence of Nazi soldiers in their town. Write to inform the reader how Annemarie uses power without authority to help save the life of her best friend.

As you write your paper, remember to

- clearly explain the examples you choose;
- include specific facts and details of the examples you select;
- present your ideas in a clear and logical order, including an introduction, body, and conclusion;
- use a variety of words and well-constructed sentences;
- correct any errors in grammar, mechanics, and spelling.