

ST. JEROME REGIONAL SCHOOL
SUMMER READING

GRADE 8

Dear Students,

For your summer reading assignment you are to read, "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas", by John Boyne. It is historical in nature, but it is a fictional story which reminds readers of the disaster and tragedy of Nazi occupation. Boyne tells the story of a young German boy growing up during World War II. He is the son of a commandment of a German concentration camp and he makes friends with a young Jewish boy in the camp. Read the book to find out what happens to Bruno. You can find the book at your local library or book store. It is also available at Amazon or other online stores.

Directions:

1. Read "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" by John Boyne.
2. Complete the attached test.
3. Hand the test in the first week of school.

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THE BOY IN

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JOHN BOYNE

PAJAMAS

THE 10TH-ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Name: _____

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas Final Test

Matching: Match the correct character and description. Put the correct letter in the blank.

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| 1. _____ | Father | a. Bruno's Sister |
| 2. _____ | Mother | b. Bruno's family's butler |
| 3. _____ | Bruno | c. Bruno and Gretel's tutor |
| 4. _____ | Shmuel | d. The woman who accompanies the Fury to dinner |
| 5. _____ | Maria | e. A man who Bruno remembers as being mad |
| 6. _____ | Pavel | f. A retired singer, liked putting on plays |
| 7. _____ | Lt. Kotler | g. Moves to "Out-With" with his family, Shmuel's friend |
| 8. _____ | Gretel | h. Bruno's family's maid |
| 9. _____ | Lars | i. Tall woman with long, red hair. She resents moving to "Out-With" |
| 10. _____ | The Fury | j. Father's boss who appoints him to "Out-With" |
| 11. _____ | Herr Liszt | k. Former doctor and now a prisoner |
| 12. _____ | Eva | l. A soldier stationed at "Out-With" |
| 13. _____ | Grandmother | m. Supportive of Father's promotion |
| 14. _____ | Grandfather | n. Shares a birthday with Bruno |
| 15. _____ | Herr Roller | o. Also goes by the name "Commandant" |

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

16. When Bruno returns home, who does he find packing his belongings?

- a. Mother
- b. Gretel
- c. Lars
- d. Maria

17. Which room is Out of Bounds At All Times and No Exceptions?

- a. The kitchen
- b. Father's office
- c. Gretel's room
- d. The bathroom

18. What can be seen out of Bruno's bedroom window?

- a. A balcony
- b. The driveway
- c. A swing
- d. The concentration camp

19. How old is Bruno?
- a. 10 years old
 - b. 9 years old
 - c. 8 years old
 - d. 11 years old
20. Who passes by Bruno's room on his first day at "Out-With?"
- a. Father
 - b. Gretel
 - c. Lt. Kotler
 - d. Pavel
21. What profession did Pavel practice before coming to the camp?
- a. Lawyer
 - b. Teacher
 - c. Doctor
 - d. Police officer
22. What did Shmuel's father do for a living before coming to the camp?
- a. mechanic
 - b. Fixed watches
 - c. Plumber
 - d. Steel worker
23. What is Bruno's favorite activity?
- a. Exploring
 - b. Playing football
 - c. Baseball
 - d. Studying history
24. In what city did Bruno live before moving to "Out-With?"
- a. Munich
 - b. Hamburg
 - c. Hanover
 - d. Berlin
25. Who helps Bruno when he falls out of the swing?
- a. Pavel
 - b. Mother
 - c. Maria
 - d. Lt. Kotler
26. Why is Shmuel in the concentration camp?
- a. His parents didn't pay taxes
 - b. He is Jewish.
 - c. He didn't go to school.

Fill in the Blank: Fill in each blank with the correct answer that completes the sentence.

27. Bruno's nickname for Gretel is the _____.
28. Bruno and Shmuel were born on _____, 1934.
29. "Out-With" is located in the country of _____.
30. Bruno used to live in another country called _____.
31. Bruno's home in Berlin was _____ stories high, but his new house at "Out-With" is only _____ stories high.
32. "The Fury's" real name is _____.
33. _____ passed away while the family was at "Out-With."
34. Because Bruno had _____, he had to shave his head.
35. Bruno and Shmuel had been talking at the fence for _____ year/years at the end of the novel.

Short answer: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

36. Compare and contrast Bruno and Shmuel.
37. Describe what the concentration camp was actually like when Bruno crossed the fence and went over to the other side.
38. What lessons does Bruno's father learn when he realizes what has happened to Bruno at the end of the novel?
39. What is the moral of this fable?

40. "Of course all this happened a long time ago and nothing like this could ever happen again. Not in this day and age." Explain why you think the author decided to end the novel this way.

Essay Question: Choose one of the following prompts to respond to in the form of an essay.

1. Explain how John Boyne uses the fence in *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* as a symbol of something much more than a fence. Use specific examples from the novel to explain your answer.
2. How does Bruno change throughout the book? What remains the same about him and how he thinks? What changes about him and how he thinks? List **AT LEAST THREE** things that change about Bruno in your response and explain using specific details and/or examples.