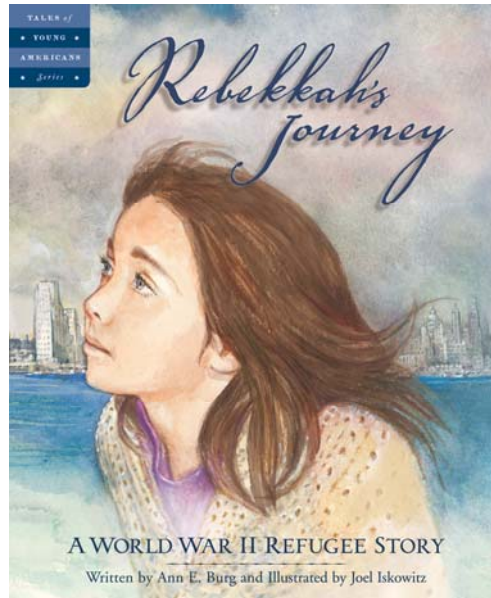


# Teacher's Guide



## **Rebekkah's Journey A World War II Refugee Story**

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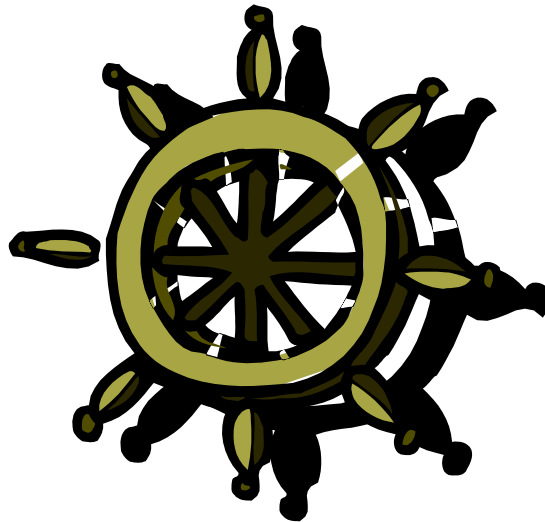
# Rebekkah's Journey

## **Pre-reading**

Set the scene and activate student's background knowledge before reading *Rebekkah's Journey*.

**Anticipatory set of questions**-Discuss student responses to the following questions.

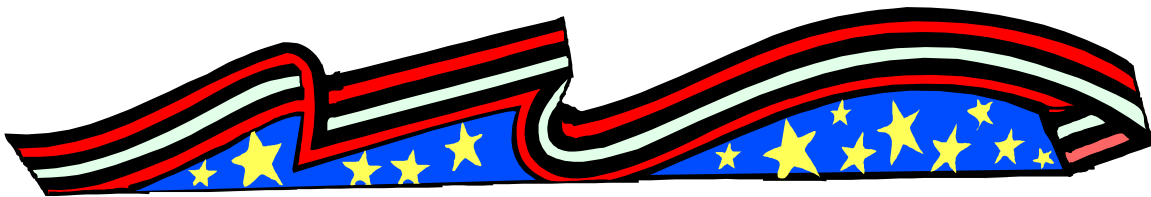
1. How do you feel when you travel to a place you've never been before?
2. What does it mean to be a refugee?
3. What is a rabbi?
4. Who were the Nazis? In which war did they play a major role?
5. Why is it important to learn about immigrants to our country?
6. How would you feel if other children were going to school and you weren't allowed to go?
7. Why is freedom of religion important?
8. How would you feel if you had lost your only pair of shoes?
9. Do you think you could live behind a fenced area where you were not allowed to leave?



# Rebekkah's Journey

Choose a word from the box that best completes each sentence.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ blessed us with the words of Mama's favorite prayer.
2. I wished Papa were with us to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. This time men in \_\_\_\_\_ asked Mama to open her bundle.
4. Mama did not cry when the \_\_\_\_\_ took Papa away.
5. I could only remember the \_\_\_\_\_ with its windows painted black.
6. Now I wanted to stay up all night just to look at the \_\_\_\_\_ lights.
7. I held her hand tightly and \_\_\_\_\_ along the street.





## Papa's Shirts

In *Rebekkah's Journey*, Mama brought a very small bundle with her for the journey to America. She did bring two of Papa's shirts, and her wedding picture.

1. Why do you think she chose to bring Papa's shirts?

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2. Why did Rebekkah and her mother leave Italy?

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3. What happened to Rebekkah's favorite doll?

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4. Where were Rebekkah's shoes?

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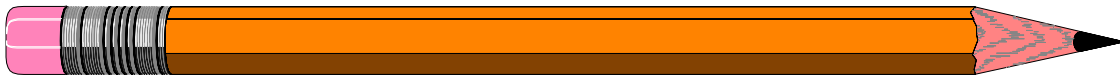
5. What would you have brought to America if you were Mama?

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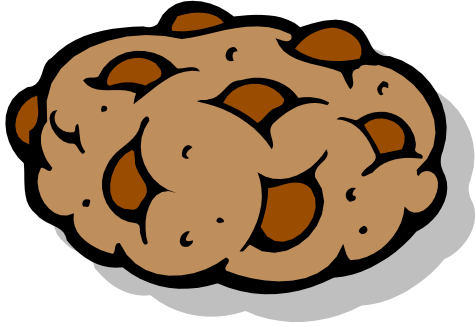


# REBEKKAH'S JOURNEY CROSSWORD

Complete the following puzzle.

1. **J** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **O** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **U** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **R** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **N** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **E** \_\_\_\_\_
7. **Y** \_\_\_\_\_

1. a book for writing daily thoughts \_\_\_\_\_
2. the ship crossed the Atlantic \_\_\_\_\_
3. how the people felt when they saw the fence \_\_\_\_\_
4. a Jewish religious leader \_\_\_\_\_
5. the group who captured Papa \_\_\_\_\_
6. Rebekkah put her wildflowers into an \_\_\_\_\_ bottle
7. the day before today \_\_\_\_\_



## M-M-M Good Math

After the refugees from *Rebekkah's Journey* arrived in America they were treated to cookies and juice.

Solve the problems below.

1. If 900 people each ate 4 cookies, how many total cookies were eaten?
2. How many dozen cookies was that?
3. There were two flavors of cookies: peanut butter and chocolate chip. If  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the cookies were peanut butter, how many cookies were chocolate chip? (not the fraction but the actual number)
4. It takes 20 minutes to bake 10 dozen cookies. How long would it take to bake 3,600 cookies?
5. The cost of ingredients for one cookie is 6 cents. What is the cost of the ingredients for one dozen cookies?

# WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?

Number these events from *Rebekkah's Journey* in the correct order in which they happened.

\_\_\_\_\_ Rebekkah goes to school.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mama cried when she held the clean white sheets.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mama and Rebekkah escape from the Nazis.

\_\_\_\_\_ The refugees arrive in America.

\_\_\_\_\_ The refugees were allowed to leave the camp for a few hours each day.

\_\_\_\_\_ People gave them treats and clothes through the fence.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mama and Papa gave Rebekkah a doll with a blue velvet dress and coat.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mama teaches Rebekkah English.

Why did Mama finally let Rebekkah go to school?

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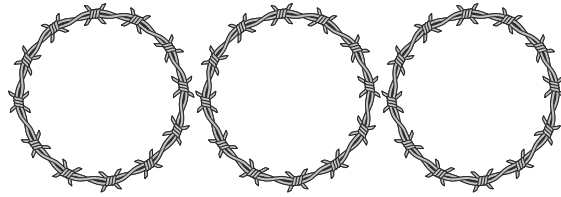
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# BEHIND THE FENCE

A refugee is a person who flees from oppression or persecution in their country. The refugees in *Rebekkah's Journey* were surprised when they learned they would be staying in a camp that was fenced in and they would be unable to leave.

Make a list of the reasons the government might have felt it was necessary to fence their group in.

Do you think there are reasons in today's world to hold refugees in camps? Explain your answer.





# An Ocean Voyage

Rebekkah and her mother left their homeland and made a journey by sea to the United States. It was not an easy trip. The ship was very crowded and people had to sleep on the outside decks.

Write four days of journal entries describing the ocean trip. Start your entries telling what life has been like after 10 days on the ocean.

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Day 2

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Day 3

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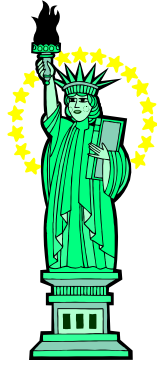
Day 4

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# Lady Liberty

The beginning of *Rebekkah's Journey* finds Rebekkah and her mother staring at the Statue of Liberty. What did the statue represent to them?

Write a paragraph explaining why this statue was so special to the refugees.

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Why is the statue still important to all Americans?

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# SAIL TO AMERICA

Many refugees left their homes in Europe for fear of being captured by the Nazis during World War II. Learn about one such group of people and their plight in *Rebekkah's Journey*.

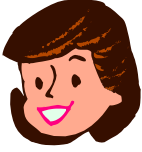
Indicate the following places on the map below.

North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa

Use a red pencil or pen to draw the route from Italy to New York. You may need to put abbreviations on the continent and make a key at the bottom to show the full name of the continent.



KEY



## A SMILE FROM MAMA

Enjoy reading *Rebekkah's Journey*. Think about Mama and how she changed throughout the story.

Describe how Mama felt at the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Add a small picture of the way Mama felt at each time.

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## Rebekkah's Journey Answer Key

**Rebekkah's Journey-** 1) rabbi 2) celebrate 3) uniforms  
4) Nazis 5) convent 6) twinkling 7) shuffled

**Papa's Shirts-** 1) to remind her of Papa and pray he was safe.  
2) to escape from the Nazis. 3) got left behind during escape.  
4) lost them when crossing the mountains.

**Crossword-** 1) journal 2) Ocean 3) unhappy 4) rabbi  
5) Nazis 6) empty 7) yesterday

**M-M-M Good Math-** 1) 3,600 2) 300 dozen 3) 2,400  
4) 10 hours 5) \$ .72

**When Did It Happen-** 8, 4, 2, 3, 7, 5, 1, 6