

Number the Stars

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Subjects: English Language Arts
Grades 4-5

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Social Considerations

Resource Evaluation

CURRICULUM FIT

Does the resource support BC curriculum?



Extensively

SUGGESTED CLASSROOM USAGE

This novel would work well as part of a cross-curricular unit on human rights, war, refugees/migration, racism and prejudice. Literature circles, whole class, read aloud / discussion.

SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Do the social considerations support, rather than detract from, student learning?




Extensively


GENERAL CONTENT

Content

Is the content current for the intended curriculum and grade?


 Extensively

Is the content accurate for the intended curriculum and grade?


 Extensively

Audience


Is the content appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?

 Extensively

Does the resource provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking?

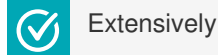
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Is the language use appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?

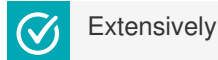
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PRINT NOVEL

Does the text show insight into the complexity of the human condition?



Does the text broaden students' experiences and understanding?



Plot description

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Related Comments

The engaging narrative builds empathy and understanding for the plight of Danes and Jews under German occupation. It also provides good information about Resistance movements. The writing and content are perfect for grades 4 and 5, but the book could also be used with grade 3 students or weaker grade 6 readers. Its strong themes may also stimulate discussion about friendship, integrity and courage.

Genre

- Historical

Type

- Novel

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Reading Level

- Below intended grade level(s)

GRADES AND SUBJECTS

Subjects

- English Language Arts: 4-5

ADDITIONAL INFO

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