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*Maus II: A Survivor’s Tale: And Here My Troubles Began*

Quote Analysis Packet

Directions: 1. Who? **Identify** the speaker(s) of the quote.

2. What? **Paraphrase** the quote. Explain it or restate it in your own words.

3. So what? **Analyze** the quote. Relate the quote to a big idea, a theme, or a deeper issue.

Please keep your quote analysis packet up-to-date according to assigned chapter deadlines. It will be graded for completion and quality. In addition, expect a reading check quiz based on the quotes on each due date. While you may not use your quote notes on the quizzes, they will undoubtedly help you to think deeply about the text in preparation for the assessments and for class discussion.

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1. Chapter 1, p. 16

**“I never felt guilty about Richieu. But I did have nightmares about SS men coming into my class and dragging all of us Jewish kids away. Don’t get me wrong. I wasn’t obsessed with this stuff…It’s just that sometimes I’d fantasize**

**Zyklon B coming out of our shower instead of water. I know this is insane, but I somehow wish I had been in Auschwitz with my parents so I could really know what they lived through! … I guess it’s some kind of guilt about having had an easier life than they did.”**

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2. Chapter 1, p. 28

**“Your number starts with 17. In Hebrew, that’s ‘k’minyan tov.’ Seventeen is a very good omen…It ends with 13, the age a Jewish boy becomes a man…And look! Added together it totals 18. That’s ‘chai,’ the Hebrew number of life. I can’t know if I’ll survive this hell, but I’m certain you’ll come through all this alive.**

**I started to believe. I tell you, he put another life in me. And whenever it was very bad I looked and said: ‘Yes. The priest was right! It totals eighteen.”**

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3. Chapter 2, p. 42

**“Tell our viewers what message you want them to get from your book?**

**A message? I dunno... I-I never thought of reducing it to a message. I mean, I wasn’t trying to convince anybody of anything I just wanted—“**

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4. Chapter 3, p. 91

**“Dachau … You were saying it was very crowded in that camp …**

**Yah—this was a camp—terrible! I had a misery, I can’t tell you … Here, in Dachau, my troubles began.”**

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5. Chapter 3, p. 99

**“What happened on you, Francoise? You went crazy, or what?! I had the whole time to watch out that this shvartser doesn’t steal us the groceries from the back seat!**

**What?! That’s outrageous! How can you, of all people, be such a racist! You talk about blacks the way the Nazis talked about the Jews!**

**Ach! I thought really you are more smart than this, Francoise … It’s not even to compare, the shvartsers and the Jews!”**

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6. Chapter 4, p. 113

**“But, below my closet I find these snapshots, some still from Poland.”**

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7. Chapter 5, p. 136

**“More I don’t need to tell you. We were both very happy, and lived happy, happy ever after.”**

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8. Chapter 5, p. 136

**“So … Let’s stop, please, your tape recorder … I’m tired from talking Richieu, and it’s enough stories for now…”**

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