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Dear Incoming 6th Graders,

Over the summer you will be required to read The War I Finally Won by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, and complete the novel study packet. This is the exciting sequel to the novel we read in class, The War That Saved My Life.

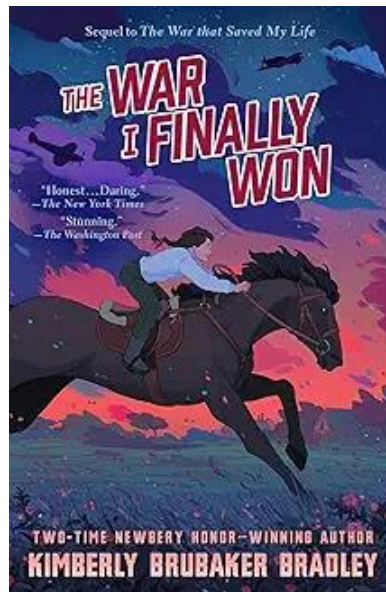
There is a response question for most chapters in the novel study packet. It would be wise to complete that response after you finish reading that chapter. **Responses must be written in complete sentences, including proper capitalization and punctuation.**

Your completed packet will be collected for a grade on the first day of school. We will begin our school year with some final activities on the novel which will then lead-in to our first novel study of the year, Refugee, by Alan Gratz.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Griffin

Name _____



1. Answer the following question after reading Chapters 1 - 2:

Ada repeated the phrase, “You can know things all you like, but that doesn’t mean you believe them.” What doesn’t Ada believe even though she knows it’s true? Why don’t you think she believes it?

2. What is Ada worried about in Chapter 3?

3. Describe Ada’s feeling about her new foot in Chapter 4:

4. Summarize the MOST important details from Ch. 5 - 10 in 30 words or less:

5. List the 3 things Ada received for Christmas in Chapters 11 - 13. Put a star by the gift that meant the most to her.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

6. Answer the following question after reading Chapters 14 - 16.

What announcement does Lady Thorton make and how does it impact Susan and Ada?

7. Answer the following question after reading Chapters 16 - 19.

What new character is introduced in Chapter 16? _____

Why is she there? _____

What is it about her that is important to the story? _____

Word	Definition (look up)	Write the sentence from the chapter with this word.
internment camp (p. 125)		
refugees (p. 125)		

8. Chapter 17 Vocabulary

9. In Chapter 20, what do we learn that Ada and Ruth have in common?

10. In Chapter 21, Ada gets to do her first fire-watch.

Who does she have to partner with? _____

Would you want to do this job? Why or why not? _____

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11. Describe Ruth's behavior in chapter 22. Do you feel that she has the right to act that way?

12. In Chapter 23, what does Ada mean when she tells Lady Thorton "But you judge Ruth by Hitler" (p. 160)?

13. After reading Chapters 24 & 25, explain why Ruth's face "glowed with joy" for a moment on page 168.

14. What was Ruth's life like in Germany before she came to England? (Ch. 28)

15. How does the relationship between Lady Thorton and Ruth begin to change in Chapters 26 - 30?

16. Chapter 31 Quick Questions:

What kind of club do they have in Chapter 31? _____

Why can't Ruth eat pork? _____

Who does Ruth want to be like? _____

What is the special day in the Jewish religion for Ruth called that Susan helps her celebrate? _____

(3)

17. What does Ada do with Ruth in Chapters 32 - 34 that she's not supposed to do?

18. In Chapter 35, Ada says "I was afraid of being trapped." What does she mean by this?

19. How does Ada feel about riding Oban in Chapter 36? Provide details.

20. What is the mood in Chapters 38 - 40? Why? What has happened?

21. On page 249, Ada says, "I don't even know why we're fighting this war." Why do Jamie and Susan say they are fighting it?

22. In Chapter 41, we find out what happened to Ruth's grandmother. Explain.

23. What is wrong with Oban in Chapter 43? How does Ruth help?

24. What do we find out about Ruth's grandmother in Chapter 44?

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25. Which country joins the war to help fight against Hitler in Chapter 45?

26. Who shows up in the middle of Chapter 47?

27. Chapter 48 Quick Questions:

What was Jonathan going to name his plane? _____

Why? _____

What gift does Ada receive from Lord and Lady Thorton? _____

Who does Ada give this gift to? _____

28. In Chapter 48 we find out that Ruth doesn't plan to go to Oxford. What is she going to do instead?

29. Why does Susan have to go to London in Chapter 52?

30. Even though Ada is from London, her experience in the city with Lady Thorton was completely new to her. Name 4 of the new experiences she has. (Ch. 54 - 55)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

31. What does Lady Thorton realize when she takes Ada to Elsa Street in Ch. 56?

32. Why do you think Lady Thorton reacted in the way that she did to the German pilot in Chapters 58 - 59?

33. What does Ada do in Chapters 60 - 61 to help Lady Thorton?

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34. In Chapter 62, why does Lord Thorton feel this war is “extremely necessary”?

35. Explain the meaning of the title of this book.

36. In the space below, redesign the cover of the book. Consider other images that would be appropriate for the front of the book.

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