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Close-Reading Questions

"The Children Who Escaped the Nazis"

1. Consider this detail from page 5: "All around her, people were talking, but Lore didn't know what they were saying. She didn't speak a word of English." What does this detail help you understand about Lore's experience at the train station? (text structure)
2. What was the connection between Germany's defeat in World War I and the rise of anti-Semitism in Germany in the 1930s? (development of events)
3. Why were Jewish children brought to Britain but not their parents? (key ideas and details)
4. On page 9, the authors note that when Lore joined the British army, she for the first time "felt like she truly belonged." Why had Lore felt for so long like she didn't belong? (development of individuals)
5. What were some of the challenges faced by children brought to Britain through the Kindertransport? (key details)

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Critical-Thinking Questions

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1. Hitler and his followers blamed Germany's problems on Jewish people. Why might people place blame on a group that is not responsible?

2. The authors write that as anti-Semitism rose, friends and neighbors "turned cold and cruel;" and that "some shouted racist insults" or "threw stones" at the Jewish members of their communities. How do you think people could turn against friends and neighbors this way?

3. The authors write that when Lore looks back on her life, she seems to have a sense of gratitude and that she told an interviewer, "I've had a lovely life." How do you think someone like Lore, who suffered such great loss, can have such a positive outlook on life?

4. What are some steps we can take to prevent an atrocity like the Holocaust from happening again?