STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS FOR *BETWEEN SHADES OF GRAY*

**Thieves and Prostitutes**

**Chapter 1**

1. When were they taken?
2. What events foreshadowed their arrest?
3. Who took them?
4. How old is the protagonist? What is she wearing?
5. How long were they given to get ready?

**Chapter 2**

1. What appeared on her window sill?
2. What did Lina’s mother make her promise?
3. What are Lina and Jonas supposed to pack?
4. How long had the Soviets been in Lithuania?
5. Why did the woman in the bakery give her free bread?

**Chapter 3**

1. Why did her mother break all of her beautiful things?
2. Why was her mother polite to the NKVD?
3. What does she say about the mirror?

**Chapter 4**

1. What does Davai mean?
2. Where are they taken?
3. Who do they recognize in the truck?
4. What does the bald man do? What happens to him?
5. Why did they stop at the hospital?
6. Why did they think they stopped?

**Chapter 5**

1. What does the bald man ask Jonas to do?
2. Why does her mother ignore her cousin?
3. What did Kostas Vilkas do for a living?
4. What does her father’s friend the journalist ask her?
5. What is her response?
6. What is the purpose of that flashback?
7. What do they fear has happened to their father?
8. Who chases after them when they put the woman and her baby on the truck?

**Chapter 6**

1. Who organizes the people to help the sick and injured?
2. What is the teacher’s name? New mother?
3. Where do they stop?
Chapter 7
1. What happens to the banker when he tries to get medical help?
2. What sort of help does the NKVD give to the injured?
3. How do the injured get to the train?
4. What happens to Jonas?
5. How does he get reunited with his family?
6. What does Lina say her brother’s life is worth?

Chapter 8
1. Who calls to the family to come with them?
2. Where does she lead them?
3. What does Lina ask her mother?
4. What does her mother say is very important?

Chapter 9
1. What are the conditions like on the car?
2. Where are the able bodied men?
3. What is the librarian’s name?
4. How do others seem to feel about Kostas Vilkas?

Chapter 10
1. How many people are in their car?
2. Who is the young man around Lina’s age?
3. How did Mrs. Arvydas keep her son with her?
4. What happens when Ardrius tried to leave the train?
5. What does Mrs. Rimas do to help the children?

Chapter 11
1. Why does Andrius wake her?
2. Who leaves the car?
3. What does the writing on their car say?
4. Who do they find?
5. Where does he tell them they are going?
6. What does he give them?
7. What does he give to Lina to give to her mother? Why?
8. What does he tell Lina to keep in touch?
9. What does he tell them?

Chapter 12
1. What happens when they get back to their car?
2. What has probably happened to Andrius’ father?
3. What is the bald man with the injured leg’s name?
4. What does Lina’s mother say to do with the ham?
5. What does he do?
6. Who does she see being dragged down the platform?

Chapter 13

1. What does Lina’s mother say is the reason they were arrested?
2. Why are they worried about Andrius?
3. What are their provisions like?
4. What does she realize about the comment her father made about Munch?

Chapter 14

1. What does Lina see when wakes in the middle of the night and tries to get air?
2. What does Lina do?
3. What must Lina do before she can get back in the car?
4. What condition is Andrius in?
5. What does Lina say about her hatred of the NKVD and the Soviets?
6. What does she say she must do?

Chapter 15

1. What had happened when she awoke the next day?
2. What does Lina see as she looks out when the train is leaving?
3. What is the priest doing?

Chapter 16

1. Where does the train stop?
2. What does Lina remember about her teacher?
3. What does Lina think will happen to her?
4. What does happen?
5. What does the partisan tell them?
6. What do they hear?

Chapter 17

1. What is Lina going to do with her handkerchief?
2. What is happening with Ona and her baby?
3. When is the only time the door is open to light or fresh air?
4. How many people get to leave the car and why?
5. What happens when Lina goes to get the food?
6. What impression sticks with her?
7. What does Lina wonder about?

Chapter 18

1. What seems to be getting bigger?
2. What has Lina been doing?
3. Who finds her drawing?
4. What does he tell her?
5. What is different on the 8th day?
6. Who is on this train?
7. What do they learn?
8. Why is Ona quiet?

Chapter 19

1. What does the bald man say?
2. What does Andrius do?
3. What does the bald man say about the Germans?
4. How does Jonas react to the baby’s death?
5. What does Lina’s cousin Joana want to be?

Chapter 20

1. What do they do to Ona’s baby?
2. What sort of relationship does Jonas have with Andrius?
3. Why is Miss Grybas upset with the boys?
4. Why is Lina upset about this?

Chapter 21

1. What happens just past Omsk?
2. What does Andrius find on his bucket run?

Chapter 22

1. What happened after six weeks and three days without food?
2. What do they do when they get out?
3. Why is she able to see her fellow passengers?
4. What does the man with the watch ask her?
5. Who do they see with NKVD?
6. Why are they there?

Chapter 23

1. What does Andrius pretend to be?
2. Do they buy their group?
3. Where did the trains go?

Chapter 24

1. How many groups are left as the sun sets?
2. What does Jonas wonder about the people back home?
3. Why do they think they were taken from Lithuania?
4. What does Lina remember about her father?

Chapter 25

1. How many prisoners and guards are left?
2. What does Andrius give Lina?
3. What happens to their group?
4. Where do they stop?
5. Who goes first?
6. What are they going to do to their clothes?
Chapter 26

1. What are the women to do?
2. What do most of the guards do?
3. What does the guard/commander with the gold tooth do?
4. Why does Lina get groped?

Chapter 27

1. How have moods changes after the showers?
2. What does Ona do on the truck?
3. What happens when Ona is pulled from the train?
4. How do they react to Ona’s death?
5. What does Jonas ask of Lina?

Chapter 28

1. Where did they drive to?
2. What are the huts like?
3. What do they realize about their huts?
4. How does the woman whose hut they are in react?
5. What does she do to Lina?
6. How does Elena (Lina’s mom) do to her?
7. How did the woman react?
8. What does she make them do?
9. What does that farm raise?

Maps and snakes

Chapter 29

1. What are conditions like inside the shack?
2. Who wants Elena?
3. Who goes to the commander?
4. What does Lina remember when her mother says “I’ll be right back”?
5. What does Lina do while her mother is with the commander?
6. Why is Jonas worried?
7. What is Elena like when she comes out?

Chapter 30

1. What did they want of Elena?
2. What does Elena tell Jonas?
3. What does Lina look at that lifts her mother’s spirits?

Chapter 31

1. What do they have for dinner and how did they get it?
2. How do they get food?
3. What does Lina remember?
Chapter 32

1. What happens before sunrise? Why?
2. What is their work detail? What are their supplies like?
3. What do they discover is 5 kilometers away?
4. Who else has been taken to that area?

Chapter 33

1. How big was the pit when they got a break? What did they get?
2. What did Elena say that they couldn’t take from them?
3. What does Lina remember?

Chapter 34

1. What does Elena say that they have to prepare for?
2. How much are they paid for almost 12 hours of work?
3. What did Miss Grybas give them?

Chapter 35

1. What does Elena make Lina do?
2. What does he ask?
3. Who is waiting for her?
4. What does he say he is doing?
5. What does he give her?
6. Who gets one of the cigarettes? What is her name?

Chapter 36

1. What happens the next morning?
2. Why are they brought there?
3. What is this paperwork?
4. What is the man with the watch’s name? What is his career?
5. What does Mr. Lukas suggest that they do?
6. What are the charges against them?
7. How do the Soviets handle the sit-in?

Chapter 37

1. How long did they sit?
2. What do they see on the way to work?
3. Why did this happen?
4. What happens when the commander comes?

Chapter 38

1. What does Jonas have for them?
2. What does Lina do with her drawings and writings?
3. Why does Lina go to find her mother?
4. What does she see?
5. What does she do next?

Chapter 39

1. Where are the women working now?
2. How is Lina feeling about Andrius?
3. Why does she refuse to go to Mr. Stalas?
4. When she goes with Jonas, who does she see?
5. How does she treat him?
6. What does Mr. Stalas say is the reason they want them to sign?
7. What did Andrius bring them?
8. What happens when Lina and Andrius are alone?
9. Why are they working for the Soviets?
10. How does Andrius feel about that?

Chapter 40

1. What does her mother tell Lina about Andrius?
2. Does Lina seem to believe her mother?
3. What does she remember?

Chapter 41

1. What happened as autumn approached?
2. How often are they woken to sign?
3. Are people standing strong and refusing to sign?
4. What does Lina do about the people who signed?
5. How is Andrius treating Lina?
6. What comment does Mr. Stalas make that angers Lina?
7. Why do they want to get to the village?

Chapter 42

1. What does Elena use to bribe the grouchy woman to mail letters and buy things?
2. What does everyone long for?
3. How is Jonas doing at work?

Chapter 43

1. What are the Russians looking for?
2. Who volunteers and why?
3. What changes with Kretzsky (blond guard) when he sees other soldiers?

Chapter 44

1. What does she take from her drawing experience?
2. What does she get for her efforts?
3. How does the commander react to her work?
Chapter 45

1. Who does she see when she is returning home?
2. What has happened to Mrs. Arvydas?
3. How does Lina react?
4. What does she do when she gets back to her hut?

Chapter 46

1. What has made them feel a little better?
2. How will they know if they get return mail?
3. What do they argue about regarding the Germans?
4. What news lifts Elena’s spirits?
5. How are they treating the prisoner with the approach of winter?
6. What must Elena do?
8. What does Lina do?
9. How do they supplement their diets?

Chapter 47

1. How long did it take to get the first letter? Who gets it?
2. What happens with Lina and Andrius?
3. What do they find out from the letter?

Chapter 48

1. What has happened to Jonas?
2. What is wrong with him?
3. Is it contagious?
4. Who arrives to help? What does he bring?
5. Who else comes?

Chapter 49

1. What does Lina say to Andrius?
2. What does Lina do while they wait?
3. What breaks the ice between the two of them?

Chapter 50

1. How long did it take for Jonas to improve?
2. What has happened to Lina and her mother?
3. What do they do as Christmas approaches?
4. How does this affect them?
5. What does Lina steal at night?
6. Who does she see one night? Why is he there?
7. Who comes three days later? With what?

Chapter 51

1. What do they do on Christmas Eve after work?
2. Why is there an empty place?
3. What does everyone bring?
4. What does Andrius and his mother contribute?
5. What do they discover about Mr. Stalas?
6. What did they do?
7. Who comes to their celebration and why?

Chapter 52

1. What does Lina give Andrius for Christmas?
2. What does Jonas give him?

Chapter 53

1. Why does Andrius run to their shack?
2. Does Lina want to do it?
3. What advice does Andrius give her?

Chapter 54

1. Why does Lina try to memorize what the commander is wearing?
2. What does she see when she is sketching him?
3. What does the commander do while Lina is sketching him?
4. What does he tell Kretzsky to give her?
5. Who is there to translate for her?
6. What does Lina take when she leaves?

Chapter 55

1. How does Lina get her food?
2. What do they do next?
3. Who helps them carry it back?

Chapter 56

1. What does Lina ask of Andrius?
2. What is his response?
3. Does she want to give it back?
4. What is in the file?
5. What does she find out from Andrius reading the file?
6. What else does he say about her father?

Chapter 57

1. What do they do with the food she got?
2. What does her mother do with the food that irritates Lina?
3. What does she find out from Andrius the next day?
4. What does she create the next night?
5. What does she do with it?

Chapter 58

1. What happens on March 22nd?
2. Where is the party?
3. What presents did she get?
4. What does Andrius have for her?
5. What does she do to thank him?

Chapter 59

1. What news does Lina’s mother receive from Lithuania?
2. What happens as the weather warms?
3. Why is Lina trying to take more care with her appearance?

Chapter 60

1. What does Andrius tell her?
2. Is Andrius on the list?
3. Are they able to figure out a pattern to who is on the list and why?
4. What does Miss Grybas say she will do if she does not go with them and why?

Chapter 61

1. What does Andrius tell her the word in the file about her father means?
2. What does she realize about Andrius?
3. What does he tell her?
4. What does she give him and why?
5. What does he tell her?
6. What other advice does he give her?

Chapter 62

1. When do they come for them?
2. What does Ulyushka give them?
3. Where does Miss Grybas think they are being sent?
4. What does Andrius tell her to remember?
5. What did he put in her pocket?

Ice and Ashes

Chapter 63

1. How do they travel to their next destination?
2. Who is going with them?
3. Where do they travel to?
4. How do they make it so they are not as crowded?
5. What did the Soviets do to the little girl’s doll and her?
6. What news do they find out from the new people?

Chapter 64

1. What happened to the yellow girl and her mother?
2. Who helped to keep them alive on the train?
Chapter 65

1. How long did they travel by train?
2. What is wrong with Elena?
3. What do they bring them?
4. What are they allowed to do?
5. What is their next mode of travel going to be?

Chapter 66

1. How long do they wait for the boats?
2. Why does Lina think they are being fed?
3. What does Jonas ask his mother? What does he imply?
4. What reaction does Elena have?

Chapter 67

1. How long did they travel by barge? Then how did they travel?
2. How long do they wait for the next barge?
3. What does the bald man tell her?

Chapter 68

1. Where do they still think they are going?
2. What direction are they heading and what is happening to the weather?
3. Where do they stop?
4. What are they told about where they will sleep?
5. What must they do before they can sleep?
6. Where are they?

Chapter 69

1. What are they worried about with their location?
2. What happens with the mother of the girl with the doll (Janina)?

Chapter 70

1. What happens at daybreak?
2. What are Lina and the women to do?
3. What sort of supplies do they have?
4. Do the NKVD help with anything?

Chapter 71

1. What upsets the NKVD?
2. What do they do with the prisoners?
3. Why were the Americans there?
4. What are the supplies for?
5. What does Elena ask of the man who winds his watch (Lukas)?
6. What is she doing that upsets Jonas?
Chapter 72

1. What does Jonas find in the sea?
2. What does Ivanov like to do?
3. What do Jonas and Lina wonder about their mother?
4. What does Kretzsky give them?
5. What happens September 26?
6. What are they unable to do now?

Chapter 73

1. What happens when the storm breaks?
2. Who is in Lina’s work group? What does he want from her?
3. What will he tell her if she gives them to him?
4. Why were they deported?
5. What does Lina decide?

Chapter 74

1. Why didn’t Lina’s mother tell them?
2. What do they realize about their father?
3. When Lina is bitter that they gave up their freedom for her cousin’s family and they gave up nothing, what does Jonas say?

Chapter 75

1. What does Lina see as she is gathering wood in preparation for a storm?
2. What did Ivanov tell her mother?
3. What does Lina tell Kretzsky? What is his response?
4. What happens to her mother?
5. How does Jonas react?

Chapter 76

1. How does Lina react to her father’s death?
2. What is November 20th?
3. What does she find in the book he gave her?

Chapter 77

1. What is happening to the small children in Mid-December?
2. What diseases are in the camp?
3. What does Janina show her?
4. How do they get it to camp? How far was it?

Chapter 78

1. What happens to the repeater?
2. What does her mother tell her about Kretzsky?
3. Why was he sent with them?
Chapter 79
1. What does she ask Ivanov and Kretzsky?
2. Does she get it?
3. What is happening to Lina’s mother?

Chapter 80
1. What happens on January 5?
2. How does everyone react?
3. What does Jonas ask?
4. What do they learn about the bald man?
5. What does he ask?

Chapter 81
1. What does Lina know that she wants?
2. What do they find in Elena’s suitcase?
3. Who helps to dig the grave?
4. Who comes to the burial?

Chapter 82
1. Who does Lina meet when she is out stealing wood?
2. What does he say about her mother?
3. What word does she learn? What does it mean?
4. What does he say about himself?
5. What does he tell Lina to do?
6. What does he do?
7. What do they say to each other?

Chapter 83
1. Why is Lina surprised by her response to Kretzsky?
2. What is happening with Janina and Jonas?

Chapter 84
1. What happens after the storm breaks?
2. What is he there to do?
3. What does he need?
4. Who agrees to help them, surprising Lina?
5. Why is he there?
6. What do the native hunters and fishermen bring?
7. How long does he stay?
8. What does Lina give him?
9. What does he tell her about her father?
10. Why did he come there?

Chapter 85
1. What happens to Janina and Jonas?
2. What does she see when she goes off to chop wood?
3. What does she feel and say?
4. What does she squeeze?

Epilogue

1. What year is it?
2. What does the construction worker find?
3. Why can’t they speak of the terrors they experienced?
4. What do they want the person who finds it to do?
5. Who survived the camps?
6. What did Lina do?