**Teaching Material: "The Children by the Sound"**

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**Read each of the following chapters in the book and follow the questions in the teaching material:**

* When and where does the story take place?
* Which country occupied Denmark?
* When were we occupied?
* How long did the occupation last?

### **Chapter 1**

* Why does Trine have to leave Copenhagen and go with aunt Dorte to Snekkersten?
* Where is Snekkersten located?
* What does Trine’s aunt live in?
* How is the house situated?

### **Chapter 2**

* Is Trine’s uncle Børge still alive?
* What is Trine really afraid of?
* What happened to aunt Dorte’s son, Mads?
* Describe the room where Trine is going to sleep.

### **Chapter 3**

* Who does Trine meet down on the beach?
* Who does Flemming live with?
* Who does aunt Sofie listen to on the radio?
* Describe aunt Sofie.
* What is the relationship between Flemming and his aunt?
* Who does aunt Sofie support during the occupation?
* What do you call such a person?

### **Chapter 4**

* Who does aunt Dorte support?
* Why does Flemming live with aunt Sofie?
* Why does Flemming’s father work in Germany?
* How many Danes worked in Germany during the war?
* Are aunt Dorte and aunt Sofie on bad terms?

### **Chapter 5**

* How does aunt Dorte warn Trine?
* Is Trine worried about her mother?
* Why is Flemming angry with Trine?
* What does Flemming tell Trine?
* How does Flemming feel about his aunt Sofie?
* What does aunt Dorte say about their rowing trip on the Sound?

### **Chapter 6**

* Where will Trine go to school now?
* Who teaches Trine to swim?
* Who often visits aunt Sofie?

### **Chapter 7**

* What school does Trine start at?
* What is the name of Trine’s teacher?
* What school did she attend in Copenhagen?
* What is the name of the girl Trine sits next to in school?
* What are the Germans doing in Copenhagen?
* What grade is Flemming in?
* What is Emma’s father a part of?
* Who is Gestapo-Juhl?
* What is a resistance group?

### **Chapter 8**

* Why does Emma’s father come to aunt Dorte’s?
* What happened to his resistance group?
* Where does Emma’s father flee to?
* Who helps him? How?
* What excuse does Trine need to give?
* Who sings patriotic songs?
* Who knows the local policeman in Sweden?
* To which town in Sweden has Trine’s mother fled?

### **Chapter 9**

* What happened to Emma’s father?
* When will Flemming return?
* Did the Germans patrol out on the Sound as well?
* Was there a shortage of goods in Denmark during the war?
* Name some things people lacked.
* What do the Germans demand of the Danes?
* What kind of unrest was there in Copenhagen?
* Why do aunt Dorte and the young man go to the inn?

### **Chapter 10**

* Why do aunt Dorte and Trine go to the inn?
* What is the policy of cooperation?
* When does it end?
* How are the Germans’ conquests around the world progressing?
* Who is Denmark’s prime minister?
* What declaration is presented to him by the Germans?
* Was it significant for Denmark to have a government?
* Compare this with Norway.
* What was the real name of the innkeeper at Snekkersten Inn?
* Why must they hide the boat?
* What do they do with aunt Sofie?

### **Chapter 11**

* Where do the children meet?
* What happens with the door to the basement?
* Why must they stand guard?
* Who interrupts their work?
* What do they hide in the basement?

### **Chapter 12**

* What message does Trine receive from Danish police officer Ole Strand?
* In which Swedish city do Trine’s parents live?
* What have the Germans occupied at Snekkersten Harbor?
* Which family is fleeing to Sweden? Nationality?
* What question does Flemming ask Trine?

### **Chapter 13**

* What did the resistance members mean for Denmark?
* What do they call Hitler?
* Why is Trine scared?
* What happens to the Jews the Nazis capture?
* What does Flemming say about the camps?

### **Chapter 14**

* What if the boat in the basement is discovered?
* What has Trine seen on the Kystbanen railway?
* Research the Jewish laws in Denmark and Europe.
* Who is fleeing from the Germans?
* Who helps the refugees?
* Find information about the real people who helped.

### **Chapter 15**

* Why do they call a doctor before a transport?
* What could happen if a child cries?
* How should the refugees behave on the way to the boats?
* Find sources describing what it was like.
* Does Flemming get permission to move away from aunt Sofie?
* What instrument does Flemming play?

### **Chapter 16**

* Who does aunt Sofie think will win the war?
* What does she say about the Jews?
* Where do they hide the resistance member?
* What has been repealed in Denmark?

### **Chapter 17**

* What does Flemming draw in the sand?
* Why must they destroy the drawing?
* Why does aunt Dorte talk about apples and pears when on the phone?
* What does Flemming want to be when he grows up?
* What items are they lacking?
* What kind of coffee do they drink?
* What has happened to the army?

### **Chapter 18**

* Who is "Uncle Gustav"?
* What boats patrol out on the Sound?
* What do the two gentlemen argue about?
* Find out the different amounts it cost a refugee to get to Sweden in 1943.

### **Chapter 19**

* What does aunt Dorte listen to on the radio?
* Why is the boat gone?
* Who does Flemming receive a letter from?
* What happened to Flemming’s mother?
* What time does Mr. Rar set out?
* What bedtime story does Trine read to Flemming?

### **Chapter 20**

* Who comes home from Germany?
* How is Søren doing?
* What does aunt Sofie say about her brother?
* Which Germans have arrived in Denmark at this point?
* What is the Thousand-Year Reich?
* What did Flemming’s father do in Germany?
* Who was the prime minister in England?

### **Chapter 21**

* Where does Søren end up living?
* Was it allowed to take a boat out from the coast?
* What name is given to the boat?
* Who do Trine and Flemming meet down on the beach?
* What does Søren say about the cities in Germany?

### **Chapter 22**

* What does Flemming’s teacher say to him?
* Where has Søren been admitted?
* Have more refugees arrived in Helsingør?
* Why are they wearing so many clothes?
* How are they trying to get to Sweden?
* Which famous resistance members does Flemming meet at Snekkersten Inn?
* Have you seen the film about these two resistance members?
* Were all Germans Nazis?

### **Chapter 23**

* What does aunt Sofie call her brother, Søren?
* What does aunt Sofie threaten to do?
* Were many Danes traitors?
* What lured them?
* What was the real name of the innkeeper at Snekkersten Inn?
* What happened to him?
* Is there a memorial for him in Snekkersten?

### **Chapter 24**

* What do Else Jung, Emma’s mother, and aunt Dorte talk about?
* What do they wish would happen to aunt Sofie?
* Who controls the entire area in Snekkersten?
* Find out where the refugees are hiding.
* Learn about the conditions for the refugees while hiding: 1) cold 2) darkness 3) rain 4) wind.
* How are the refugees received in Sweden?
* Which Danes were particularly threatened?
* Why were the Germans after actors, for example?
* What were the lists called that threatened Danes ended up on?

### **Chapter 25**

* What does aunt Sofie look like when she visits?
* What does she ask Flemming for?
* Who comes to the house?
* Find information about Hans Juhl – Gestapo-Juhl.
* Which Danish author do the actors perform for them? What is the play’s title?

### **Chapter 26**

* What happened on October 1, 1943?
* Who helped the Germans capture the Jews?
* How many Jews were caught by the Germans?
* Where were the Danish Jews taken?
* What happens while they are putting the boat in the water?
* Who do you think shot aunt Sofie?

### **Chapter 27**

* What boats are in the middle of the Sound?
* How does Flemming learn what happened to aunt Sofie?
* What does aunt Dorte fear?

### **Chapter 28**

* Who inherits aunt Sofie’s house?
* What might happen to Trine?
* Is Trine fully Danish?
* What does Trine say about going to Sweden?
* Where will they hide Trine?
* How much did it cost Copenhagen to kill a German officer?
* How long does the trip to Sweden take – in a rowboat – in a motorboat?
* Do all refugees have money for the journey?

### **Chapter 29**

* What does aunt Dorte blame herself for?
* Why did Flemming take so long on the trip?
* What does Trine want to do about Gestapo-Juhl?

### **Chapter 30**

* Does Søren come home from the hospital?
* Who keeps the hospital hidden from the Germans?
* Did this also happen elsewhere in the country?
* Which house is now being used for refugees?
* What is wrong with the elderly man?

### **Chapter 31**

* What does Flemming hide the refugees under?
* Who do they meet out on the Sound?
* How does Flemming handle the situation?
* Who does Flemming meet on the Danish coast?

### **Chapter 32**

* From which church will aunt Sofie be buried?
* Does Flemming attend the funeral?
* How does he handle it?
* How is the cause of her death described?
* What is the state of the war in Europe?
* What does Flemming dream about?
* What is the name of the German plan for the extermination of the Jews?
* When did the Danish resistance movement really start during the war?
* What did the Germans call the Danes?
* What has Mr. Rar observed out on the Sound?
* Why do they contact Ole Strand?
* What does the Coastal Police report?
* Where is Gestapo’s headquarters in Helsingør?
* What is the procedure if you are captured by the Germans?
* Where were prisoners sent in Germany?

### **Chapter 33**

* Why does aunt Dorte feel guilty?
* What does aunt Dorte want to do with Noah’s Ark?
* What has the Danish police done in Humlebæk?
* Which prison has Flemming ended up in?
* What advice does Ole Strand give them?
* What has happened to Noah’s Ark?
* What happened to Flemming with the Germans?
* What did the Danish police report to the Germans?
* What does Trine say to Flemming?
* What does Trine tell Søren and aunt Dorte?
* What decision do Trine and Flemming make?