

Discussion Questions

Name: _____

Core: _____

- 1) How does Yanek manage to stay alive? Is there anything special about him that contributes to his ability to stay alive? Back your claim up with evidence from the text.
- 2) In discussing the Holocaust, one survivor, Luba Frederick, said “To die was easy”. Based on what we have discussed and what you have read in Prisoner B-3087, why might she have felt that way? Do you think that dying was easier than surviving?
- 3) Are humans mostly good or mostly bad? Are most humans good or are most humans evil?
- 4) How do you think you would have reacted if you had been a bystander during the Holocaust?

5) "For the dead and the living, we must bear witness" What does this quote mean? Is this important? What does this have to do with *Prisoner B-3087*?

- 6) Which is more powerful, hope or fear?
- a) What role does fear play in this book?
 - b) What role does hope play in this book?

7) What is the purpose of dehumanization?

8) This phrase (in a few different reiterations) is repeated throughout the book: "We cannot let them tear us from the pages of the world." What does it mean? Why is it important?