

Christ Presbyterian Academy
English 8
Summer Reading
The Hiding Place

ABSTRACT:

The Hiding Place is the autobiography of Corrie Ten Boom who lives through the Nazi occupation of Holland in World War II and forms part of the Dutch resistance in Haarlem. This high interest story for both boys and girls tells how the Ten Booms smuggle Jews out into the countryside and abroad. After being caught and sent to a concentration camp, Corrie miraculously survives to tell the tale and help in the post-war reconstruction. This novel is a wonderful tale of faith, forgiveness, and redemption.

AUTHOR:

In the years since the closing chapter of this book, Corrie Ten Boom has traveled ceaselessly, carrying her message of triumphant living all over the world, especially behind the Iron Curtain. The author of devotional books treasured by millions, she is also a colorful, amusing, speaker with a hold on young audiences that is but one of her many intriguing personal mysteries. This is the full story behind the faith that has touched and stirred and changed lives everywhere.

STUDY QUESTIONS:

Answer each of the following questions in a well-developed, typed paragraph. Be sure to include textual support and integrate quotes with proper citations.

1. Is it ever right to do wrong? How does this book address that struggle?
2. Which character(s) are you most like? Explain.
3. In what ways does the Beje become a character in this story?
4. Discuss one or two of the internal struggles of Corrie Ten Boom.
5. Discuss the symbolism of the watches in the story. How is Corrie like one of her father's clocks?
6. Besides Corrie, which character is most important to the plot? Explain.
7. How do the women work to keep hope alive while in the concentration camp?
8. What event is the climax of the story? Explain.