*The Book Thief* - Parts 2 and 3        Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Vocabulary: Synonyms are words with similar meanings. Draw a line from each word in column A to its synonym in column B. Then use the words in column A to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

1. flippant                         a. thoughtful

2. culminate                         b. disturbance

3. prolific                         c. disrespectful

4. agitation                         d. conclude

5. animosity                         e. culprit

6. transgressor                         f. enmity

7. benign                         g. abundant

8. pensive                         h. good

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1. As the victim of an automobile accident looked over the people on the police lineup, he hoped the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would have a guilty expression on his face.

2. Although I was expecting the worst, I had such a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ visit with my aunt that she invited me back again.

3. My expression changed from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to jubilant as I realized the letter from a stranger announced that I had inherited a great deal of money.

4. The tour will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a visit to the Grand Canyon, and then we will return home.

5. Her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attitude was inappropriate to the serious circumstances.

6. The artist was so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he ran out of room to store his paintings.

7. The suspect’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ became obvious when his body trembled as the police questioned him.

8. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the two neighboring nations finally erupted in warfare.

Questions:

1. How did Hans Hubermann’s Christmas gift to Liesel reveal the depth of his feelings for her?

2. How did the Hubermann’s financial situation reflect the general state of Germany’s economy in the 1930s?

3. Why did Mama Hubermann decide to risk sending Liesel on the important business of laundry pickup and delivery?

4. In what important respect did Hans Junior differ from his father?

5. Why did the people of Molching hold a bonfire? What shocking realization met Liesel when she listened to the speaker at the bonfire?

6. Why did Papa Hubermann slap Liesel?

7. Why did Liesel avoid the mayor’s house for some time? And then, why did she change radically and look forward to delivering laundry to the mayor’s house?

**Literary Devices:**

**I.** Symbolism—A symbol in literature is a person, object, or event that stands for an idea or a set of ideas.

**Find two symbols from this section and write down the page number, quote, what is being symbolized, and explain why the author would choose those specific things.**

**II.** Verbal irony—Verbal irony is a figure of speech in which the speaker says one thing, but intends something quite different. The device of verbal irony may include sarcasm, overstatement, and understatement. For instance, the narrator says that WW II was the result of the Germans’ love of burning things. What tells you that this statement should not be taken literally, at face value?

**Find an example of verbal irony from this section and write down the page number, quote, and why this is verbal irony.**

**Questions for Discussion**

**(This is to be done in pairs or groups of three, you will be marked on the quality of your discussion for the assigned questions)**

1. Do you think Liesel deserved to be punished for taking money to mail letters to her mother? Explain. Was Rosa justified in meting out such a harsh punishment? Explain.

2. Do you think there was some way that Hans could have made peace with his son? Why didn’t he?

3. In what ways might Hans Hubermann have been considered a hero and not a coward as he had been accused by his son?

4. What silent understanding do you think passed between Liesel and the mayor’s wife? Why do you suppose Ilse Hermann allowed Liesel to browse through her library?

5. Do you think that the thievery practiced by Rudy, Liesel, and the other children was justified? Explain.