

Key Vocabulary

Chapter 11

encased
Godspeed
commotion

Chapter 12

gnarled
gleam
dimness

Build Comprehension

Key Ideas and Details

Chapter 11

- What was in the casket?
- Where were the strangers and the Rosens going?
- Why did Peter give the baby sleeping medicine?
- What was the real reason for the fake funeral?
- Why didn't Mr. Rosen ask what was in the package that Peter gave him to take to Uncle Henrik?
- Where were the Rosens and the other strangers going?

Chapter 12

- What promise did Ellen make to Annemarie?
- What advice did Mrs. Johansen give the Rosens?
- How did Annemarie pass the time while waiting for her mother?
- Explain the following thoughts of Annemarie, "It was harder for the ones who were waiting, Annemarie knew. Less dangerous, perhaps, but more fear."

Topics for Reading Responses and/or Journal Writing

- Write from Ellen's point of view. How does she feel about what is happening?
- Imagine you are Peter. Why are you risking your life to save people?
- Write about a time you have saved someone from a sticky situation. (Or a time someone had saved you.) Explain the "rescue plan."
- Find a partner and write about what you would do if the soldiers came to your house.
- Write about how you would feel if you were a soldier during this time.