***The Book Thief* Study Questions Part V**

Answer these questions as we read *The Book Thief*. These questions will help prepare you for your tests and quizzes in this unit. Answer each question completely and in full sentences on your own piece of paper. You do not need to write the question, just the answers.

# Part V: The Whistler

## The Floating Book (Part I)

1. Skip this chapter!
2. Short summary: Death talks about the death of Rudy, and finding a book in the river. He will re-hash this in the last chapter of the section.

## The Gamblers (A Seven Sided Die)

1. Who does Max ask to cut his hair?
2. What did Liesel want to tell the mayor’s wife?
3. What does the mayor’s wife try to give Liesel?
4. What does Liesel find in the trash? Why does she take it home?
5. What does Max ask Liesel to do after she tells him about the goal she scored?
6. What does Max paint on the wall? What sentence does he write?
7. What does Max start doing every day?
8. What does he imagine? Who was he fighting against?
9. What does Max tell Liesel about his “dream?” Who wins?
10. What new book are max and Liesel working on?
11. What was the seventh roll of the die? When did it happen?
12. What happens the last time Liesel went to the mayor’s house? How does Liesel feel?
13. What does she do when she goes back to the mayor’s house?
14. Does Mama beat Liesel when she tells Mama about insulting the mayor’s wife?
15. What does she ask Max if he can teach her?

## Rudy’s Youth

1. What is wrong with Tommy Müller? Why is he making the Hitler Youth leaders angry?
2. What does Rudy do when Tommy is called out? What is the punishment?

## The Losers

1. Who is the “new Arthur Berg?” What does Death tell us about him?
2. What is the new gang like now that Arthur Berg is gone?
3. What do they find on the farms?
4. What happens between Rudy and Viktor?

## Sketches

1. What is Max’s new book about?

## The Whistler and the Shoes

1. What does Rudy want to do after Hitler Youth?
2. Where does Liesel decide to go? Why?
3. What does Liesel want from the mayor’s house?
4. What did Rudy leave at the mayor’s house?
5. What does Rudy call Liesel as he leaves?

## Three Acts of Stupidity by Rudy Steiner

1. What three things does Death tell us were Rudy’s acts of “pure genius?”
2. What happened when Rudy tried to take the biggest potato from the grocer?
3. Who does Rudy ask for help? Does this person help him?
4. Does Mamer let Rudy keep the potato? Why or why not?
5. What was Rudy’s second mistake? How did it happen? What was Deutcher’s response?
6. What did Rudy and Tommy do instead of going to Hitler Youth?
7. How did Rudy’s parents find out that he wasn’t going to Hitler Youth? What would happen if Rudy continued to refuse to go?
8. What convinced Rudy to go back to Hitler Youth?

## The Floating Book (Part II)

1. Who do Liesel and Rudy meet on the bridge while trying to avoid Deutscher?
2. What did Viktor do with *The Whistler*?
3. What were “the frozen motives of Rudy Steiner?”