

"Life Unexplained"



Poet's Note

When I read Number The Stars I almost feel like I'm in the book. I decided to write a poem on this story because of how it made me feel. When Annemarie ripped off Ellen's necklace I felt danger. Also when Annemarie's mother was hurt I felt worried. This is such an emotional story. This is what makes Annemarie so brave.

I decided to do a collage for my artwork. It really shows how quickly Annemarie's life changed. She had no idea that the Nazis were going to take over. She learned so many different things from the war. I used calm and happy colors to show what Annemarie's life was like before the war. I used dark and scary colors to show what Annemarie's and Ellen's lives were like during the war. This book is truly filled with all sorts of emotions.

I Am Annemarie

I am Annemarie brave and caring.
I wonder when the Nazis will leave everyone alone.
I hear people pounding on my house, screaming, and weeping.
I see big black leather boots enter my house.
I want the war to end.
I am Annemarie brave and caring.

I pretend to put myself in the Jew's place.
I feel terrible because the Nazis are killing so many people.
I touch Ellen's necklace and try to pull it off.
I worry that the Nazis may find out about Ellen and kill her.
I cry because I think Ellen's parents could be dead.
I am Annemarie brave and caring.

I understand about all of the Jewish people hiding.
I say it is all going to be all right.
I dream that the Nazis will leave.
I try to hide Ellen from the Nazis.
I hope everyone is going to be okay.
I am Annemarie brave and caring.