

# **SIGGY BORAKS: KEY QUESTIONS**

**1. Describe Siggy's life in Wielun, Poland, before World War II, including information about his family.**

**2. Describe Jewish attitude (as Siggy explains it) towards the Germans *before* World War II.**

**3. Describe the first months of the war in Wielun. What happened to Siggy's family?**

**4. Describe Siggy's living conditions in the Cracow ghetto.**

**5. Describe the Nazi 'action' of September-October 1942 in the Czestochowa ghetto, and Siggy's last moments with his family. Where was his family sent? What Nazi deception was employed?**

**6. What was a Nazi-issued 'green card'? What 'job' did Siggy have? What role did the 'green card' play in Siggy's survival?**

**7. Describe what happened to Gustav Boraks (Siggy's uncle) and to his family after they were 'evacuated' from the Czestochowa ghetto. How did Gustav survive the war?**

**8. Describe what happened to Siggy at Blizyn labor camp when another prisoner escaped.**

**9. What was Auschwitz-Birkenau? Describe the arrival of victims at Birkenau and the 'selection' on the 'ramp.' What did Siggy whisper to arriving Jews? How did they react?**

**10. What was the *Sonderkommando*? Describe Siggy's experience in the *Sonderkommando*.**

**11. Describe Siggy's encounter with an SS guard at Birkenau,**

**after Siggy was caught with food left on the 'ramp.'**

**12. Who was the young German named Kurt? Describe Siggy's encounter with him after the war.**

**13. What did Siggy do after the war?**

**14. What is Siggy's opinion about the existence of God?**

**15. What is Siggy's message to young people?**