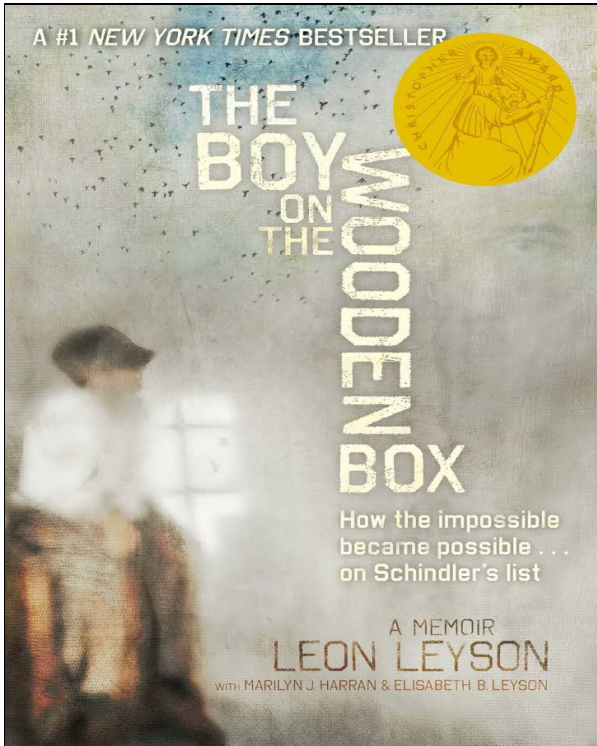


FULL LENGTH BOOK EXTENDER: Group Reading Aligned to Common Core - created by Linda VanderLoop

The Boy On the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible on Schindler's List, A Memoir (2013) by Leon Leyson



Summary: Ten year old Leon Leyson's world was uprooted when the Nazis invaded Poland forcing his family to move first to the ghetto of Krakow, then to a labor camp. Leon's father worked as a machinist for Oskar Schindler's enamelware factory, securing safety for them under Schindler's watch.

Grade 6 Discussion Questions

- How did Leon's life change when the German's took over Kraklow in 1939? Why was Leon's life affected by this?
- What are ways that Leon and his family resisted the Nazis and their rules?
- Why wasn't Leon's dad fired from the factory?
- Should Oskar Schindler be considered a hero? Why or why not and what evidence from the text supports your opinion.

6th Grade Standards:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.1

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.3.D

Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.

6th Grade Activities:

Write a journal entry as if you were Leon.

- Choose to write from a day when the family first went to Kraklow, when his father was taken to prison, or when Leon and his father were working for Schindler.
- Include an event from the book within your journal and describe Leon's surroundings, what he saw, heard, and smelled.
- Share your entry with someone in the group. Discuss whether you felt similar or different when analyzing how you would have felt if you were Leon.
- Discuss with your partner the theme of this book and support your selection of the theme with evidence from the text.