



The Book Thief WebQuest

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1. Task

The late 1930's and early 1940's in Germany was a tremulous period in world history. In September 1939 the Chancellor of Germany, Adolf Hitler, lead Germany into an invasion of Poland starting World War II. *The Book Thief* tells the story of World War II from the perspective of Death - personified.

Death must go anywhere that people die, and many many people died in World War II - more specifically in 1942. In fact, Death states in the novel that "It was a year for the ages, like 79, like 1346, to name just a few. Forget the scythe, God**** it, I needed a broom or a mop. And I needed a vacation" (p. 307).



Since Death can see so much of what happened in this period of history, many events that occur in *The Book Thief* actually occurred. However, you may have a hard time figuring out what really happened and what was fiction. Your task is to unravel the true events of World War II and Nazi Germany out of the historical fiction novel *The Book Thief*.

Follow the [process](#) for directions and assistance in completing your task.

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