

TEACHER'S GUIDE

Review Questions

Part 4: Factory Girls

MISSION 4: "City of Immigrants"

A NOTE TO THE EDUCATOR:

The purpose of these questions is to check the students' understanding of the action of the game and the history embedded in that action. Since the outcome of gameplay can vary depending on the choices the student makes, the answers to the questions might also vary.

Some students might learn information later than others, or not at all. If you choose to discuss students' responses as a whole group, information can be shared among all your "Lenas."

There may be more questions here than you want your students to answer in one sitting or in one evening. In that case, choose the questions you feel are most essential for their understanding of Part 4.

Feel free to copy the following pages of this activity for your students.

If you are not planning to have your students write the answers to the questions, you'll need to modify the directions.

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: After you play Part 4, read and answer these questions from the point of view of your character, Lena. You may not know all the answers, so do the best you can. Write in complete sentences and proofread your work.

1) What happened to Lena's family in Minsk?

The family's shop was burned but nobody was hurt.

2) What happened to Lena's family in New York City?

Isaac opened a shop, Brodsky's Hone Goods. Sophie was born.

3) How did you find out about the job at the factory?

Rosa started working there and told me about it.

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4) How did you get to the factory on the first day?

I took the streetcar because I didn't know how to get to the factory.

5) What did you have to do in order to get a job?

I had to show them that I could sew.

6) What rules must the workers at the factory follow?

Factory workers are not allowed to talk to each other. They must ask permission to go to the bathroom.

7) What was happening in the park while you and Rosa were eating lunch?

A man was giving a speech about socialism.

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8) How much money did you make in your first week at the factory? Was any money deducted from your wages? If so, for what?

I made ten dollars, but almost three dollars was deducted for being late one day, breaking needles, and loitering in the bathroom.

9) Did you talk to the reporter in front of the factory? Why or why not? What did he say?

I talked to the reporter to find out why he was there. He said that the workers should work together to negotiate for better wages and hours.

10) What did you do with your wages?

I saved most of it for bringing my parents over from Minsk. I spent some of it on a ticket to the Yiddish theater.

11) On this day, you may have met the following people. Make a note or two about them next to each name. *For this question, your notes don't have to be in complete sentences.*

a. Miss Sherman – *She is the forelady at the shop. She is very strict.*

b. James Poole – *He is a reporter. He is interested in the working conditions inside of the factory.*