

Discussion Questions
Vera Laska: The Power of Resistance

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1. How does Vera become part of a resistance group?
2. What personal qualities or characteristics are evident in Vera, which may have influenced her decision to help her friend and eventually to be an official part of the “resistance?”
3. Why is Vera sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau as a political prisoner?
4. What imagery does Vera use to describe her memories of arriving at Auschwitz?

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9. What do all of the examples of resistance in Vera's testimony have in common? What conclusions might we draw about making a difference through acts of resistance?

10. Using Vera's testimony as an example, how important was it to have deeply held ideals and/or beliefs in order to carry out acts of resistance? Explain your answer.

11. Why is it important to stand up for an ideal or act against injustice, both of which are forms of resistance?

12. If we use Vera's story as an example or inspiration, then what may be a first action we can individually take in resistance efforts against genocide in today's world?