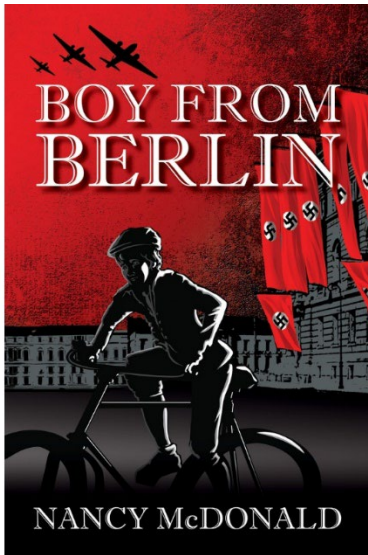


# Chapter by Chapter Lesson Plan: Boy from Berlin



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## Boy from Berlin – pages 3-11

**Who comes to visit the family while Käfer is spying on his Mama?**

- Nanny
- Ursula
- Marta
- Charlotte

**Which game does Käfer like to play with his aunt?**

- Manhunt
- Hide-and-seeK
- I spy
- Cards

**What does Käfer discover while eavesdropping on his Mama?**

- The family is leaving that night
- Father has lost his job
- Aunt Charlotte needs a new job
- The family needs to hire new servants

**In which country does the Avigdor family live?**

- France
- Belgium
- German
- Berlin

**Why does the family have to leave the country?**

- Father has lost his job
- They don't like city life anymore
- They're Jewish
- They want a fresh start

**How many siblings does Käfer have?**

- A sister and a brother
- Two brothers
- Two sisters
- He's adopted

**The Avigdor kids don't know whether or not they are...**

- Rich
- Poor
- Jewish

**Match the skill to each sibling**

Art

Science

Spying

Peter

Bibi

Käfer

**Father is very proud of his?**

- height
- wife
- weight
- moustache

**What name does Papa use for Käfer when he was angry with him?**

- Horst
- Hans
- Heinz
- Helmut

**What is Father's reason for leaving?**

- He is afraid of the Nazis
- He got a new job
- He doesn't like Berlin
- Holland has better schools

**Boy from Berlin – pages 12-22**

**What did Father like to do as a hobby before he met Mama?**

- Play soccer
- Drive race cars
- Do wood working
- Cook

**Match the job with the correct people**

Cook                      Maid                      Driver                      Gardener

Ursula

Marta

Fritz

Otto

**What is Mama doing with some of her jewellery?**

- Showing it off
- Selling it
- Hiding it
- Sewing it into her dress

**What excuse does Father give the officer for being out so late at night?**

- They're on their way to a family funeral in The Hague
- One of the kids is sick and needs to go to the hospital
- They're out for a family drive
- They're returning home from the cinema

**What is one of Käfer's favourite treats?**

- Donuts
- Raspberry juice
- Tea
- Espresso

**What does Käfer tell Mama he learned about at school?**

- How to build a pyramid at home
- The Egyptians
- What an archaeologist does
- How to care for pets

**Why are the boys bullying Eli?**

- He wears glasses
- He is chubby
- He is Jewish
- They're jealous of him

**What does Father do for a living?**

- Designs aeroplane parts
- Race car driver
- Lawyer
- Sells custom made suits

**At the end of chapter two, what important news do we find out?**

- The children had a hard time eating
- The captain called Gestapo headquarters in Berlin
- Father has an important new job
- The family got a basket of food from Frau Klein

**Boy from Berlin – page 23-27**

**Who does the captain work for?**

- The police
- The Gestapo
- The military
- The fire department

**What mistake does Father make with the captain?**

- He is rude to him
- He tells him too much
- He lies
- He gives him his business card

### **What is Emil and the Detectives?**

- A book
- The name of a stuffed animal
- A board game
- An article

### **How does Käfer divert the soldiers' attention when they're talking to Father?**

- He says he had to use the bathroom
- He asks Father if he can have Funny Bunny Blue
- He tells the soldiers about Emil and the Detectives
- He starts to cry

### **Why do the soldiers not arrest Father and the family?**

- Father doesn't have any important documents in his suitcase
- They can't be bothered
- They like the family, especially Käfer
- They're called away by their commanding officer

## **Boy from Berlin – page 28-37**

### **How does the family plan on getting across the border?**

- Crossing at border control
- Taking a train
- Crossing by water
- Walking across fields

### **What did Hitler do that made Father feel the family needed to flee the country?**

- Put people in jail
- Took away Father's job
- Took away their citizenship
- Started anti-Jewish rallies

### **What does Father do to the auto?**

- Fills the tank
- Hides it in the bushes
- Punctures a tire
- Drives it through a field to safety

**What does Mama take off to make it easier to travel?**

- Her coat
- Her makeup
- Her shoes
- Her sunglasses

**What is Käfer terrified of?**

- Getting caught
- Big dogs
- The dark
- German soldiers

**What is the name of the German Shepherd the family encounters?**

- Rudy
- Adolf
- Rocky
- Blitz

**What does Father offer the border patrol men so they will let him and Käfer go?**

- Money
- His stamp collection
- Information
- His children

**What does Father tell the border patrol men about Käfer?**

- He's sick
- He's adopted
- He's of no use to them
- He needs medical attention for his ankle

**Why do the men take what Father offers?**

- They're greedy
- They seem to like Käfer
- It's valuable
- They hate Hitler

**How does Father pay Herr Lange for taking the family across the border?**

- Gives him all the money he has left
- Gives him the other half of his stamp collection
- Tells him he will wire some money
- Gives him some advice

## **Boy from Berlin – pages 41-55**

**At the start of Part Two, how long has the family been living in The Hague?**

- Two months
- Two years
- Two days
- Two weeks

**What does Käfer think about the houses on his street?**

- They line up perfectly
- They remind him of his house in Berlin
- They have bigger gardens than his house in Berlin
- They line up like friends on a bench

**What do the kids miss most about Berlin?**

- Nothing
- Their school
- Their friends
- Aunt Charlotte

**Where did Käfer hide when he was playing hide and seek with his aunt in Berlin?**

- In the nursery
- Under the bed
- In the bathroom
- In the cupboard

**What does Käfer get for his birthday from Mama and Father?**

- A sketch set
- A camera
- A bicycle
- A flashlight

**Who teaches Käfer to ride his bicycle?**

- Peter
- Father
- Thijs
- Bibi

**How was his first bicycle lesson?**

- Amazing
- Terrible

**What's the most interesting news revealed about Father?**

- He knows a lot about aeroplanes
- He wants to move to England
- He's a wanted man in Germany
- He's a spy for the British

**Who betrayed the family in Germany?**

- Aunt Charlotte
- Ursula the maid
- Marta the cook
- Fritz the driver

**Why does the family need to move urgently this time?**

- Britain is safer
- The Germans are on the verge of invading the Netherlands
- Holland is neutral
- For Father's work

**Boy from Berlin – pages 56-63**

**What news does Father have for the family?**

- They are returning to Berlin
- He's lost his job
- They are moving to England
- He's a wanted man

**Who doesn't like Father's idea?**

- Mama
- Bibi
- Peter
- Käfer

**What does Father think has happened to Aunt Charlotte?**

- She's been kidnapped
- She's in jail
- She's been executed
- She's in a detention camp



**What does Käfer want more than anything?**

- Proper binoculars
- Father to be proud of him
- To move to England
- To show Father how well he can ride his bike

**What does Father give Käfer?**

- Advice
- A radio
- Grandfather's watch
- Alone time

**Boy from Berlin – pages 64-71**

**What does Käfer realize the planes flying over The Hague are doing?**

- Crashing into buildings
- Dropping bombs on the city
- Going to bomb England
- Circling the city

**Match what each family member is doing as the Germans attack The Hague.**

on the phone   nothing   making a radio   sewing   sketching

Mama

Papa

Peter

Bibi

Kafer

**What does Käfer discover about his friend Thijs?**

- He's not smart
- He's kind of racist
- He hates the Germans
- He's afraid of the Germans

**Why isn't Thijs worried about the German invasion?**

- Hitler likes Holland
- Holland will defeat Hitler
- He and his family are part of the Master Race (Aryan)
- The Germans want to defeat Britain

**What do the children hear when they try out the radio Peter built?**

German news   music   British news   sports

Station 1

Station 2

## **Boy from Berlin – pages 72-79**

**What happens on Day 4 of the war?**

- The tide shifts in favour of the Germans
- The Queen and members of the royal family leave Holland
- Holland fights back and defends itself well
- Most of the country is occupied by the Germans

**What signals the beginning of the end for the Dutch and forces them to surrender to the Germans?**

- Tanks arrive
- The Germans bomb Rotterdam
- School is let out early
- The family decides it's time to leave

**What does Käfer leave behind when the family leaves for England?**

- Grandfather Avigdor's gold watch
- His camera
- His bicycle
- Funny Bunny Blue

**What can the family hear as they leave for England?**

- People screaming
- Tanks driving
- Aeroplanes overhead
- Bombs dropping

**What happens to Peter's bicycle?**

- It gets a flat
- The chain falls off
- The brakes give out
- He falls off it

**How does Papa get the German paratrooper to hand his bicycle over?**

- He wrestles it from him
- He tells him it was his bicycle
- He says he would shout out to his fellow countrymen who would come and beat him up
- He does it voluntarily and skulks off

**How does Papa plan on getting the family to England?**

- By plane
- By speed boat
- By fishing boat
- By Uber

**How is the captain persuaded to take them to England?**

- Papa gives him more money
- Mama begs him
- Käfer cries
- Papa threatens him with a gun

**What does Käfer do as the boat leaves the harbour?**

- Prayes
- Cries
- Takes photos
- Salutes Holland

**Who does Käfer think most about as they departed?**

- Aunt Charlotte
- Thijs
- Papa
- Hitler

## **Boy from Berlin – pages 80-85**

**What does the captain say as they reach open water?**

- Stop pointing the gun at me
- If you aren't Dutch, you aren't much
- Hitler is a liar
- We'll be in England soon

**What is the biggest enemy facing the family and the captain?**

- The weather
- Another boat
- A U-boat
- Floating mines
- None of the above
- All of the above

**Why does Mama know they'll be safe in England?**

- The British want Papa's new fuel pump
- Papa has secrets about the Germans
- Papa is famous in England
- England is waiting for them

**In his dream, what does Käfer compare Hitler's moustache to?**

- A caterpillar
- A toothbrush
- A milk stache
- A German shepherd

**Why does the boat's engine shut off?**

- The captain turned it off
- The prop hit a rock
- The boat was slowly sinking
- There was a fuel leak

**What does Papa lie about to the sailors in the British ship?**

- Being Dutch
- The leaking fuel
- Where they're going
- Why they're escaped Holland

## **Boy from Berlin – pages 89-100**

**What does Papa insist on when he meets with Christopher Hughes?**

- That the family eat first
- That the family rest
- That they talk in private
- That the family accompany him

**It was forbidden for a woman to smoke in public in German, but it was okay in England?**

- True
- False

**How does Papa describe the family's status regarding citizenship?**

- Stateless
- German
- Dutch
- Jewish

**Where is Papa being sent?**

- Prison
- Germany
- The Grand Hotel
- The Isle of Man

**What do the Käfer and his new friend Toby ask to borrow from the gardener?**

- Money
- Bicycles
- A hedge trimmer
- A kite

**Match the word on the left with the proper word on the right**

Friday dinner   Church   A hat

Synagogue

Shabbat

**Why is the city blacked out?**

- So people won't go out at night
- To save energy
- To see the moon better
- So German planes can't drop bombs on the city

**What does Käfer hope to learn from Toby?**

- Bike tricks
- A new language
- More about being Jewish
- How to fish

## **Boy from Berlin – pages 101-109**

**How do Mama and Käfer travel to London?**

- Car
- Train
- Bus
- Boat

**What is the purpose of their trip?**

- To shop for jewellery
- To get information for Papa
- To trade a Fabergé box for money
- To see the sights and have tea

**What does Käfer tell Mama he wants to be when he grows up?**

- A spy
- A photographer
- An engineer
- A writer

**What does Mama call items you can sell for money?**

- Portable wealth
- Jewellery
- Expensive
- Disposable income

**What is the news Mama receives in the telegram?**

- The Fabergé egg has been stolen
- Aunt Charlotte is dead
- Papa is being detained longer on the Isle of Man
- Lotte was taken to a concentration camp

## Boy from Berlin – pages 110-119

What information does Käfer NOT tell everyone at dinner?

- He and Mama went for tea
- He went to Hyde Park
- Mama sold a Faberge egg

What does Toby have planned for the boys the next day?

- Sightseeing
- Biking
- Visiting the wharf
- Fishing

Each sibling comes up with an idea to cheer up Mama. Match each with their idea.

Long walk      Catch a fish      Choose topic for painting      Write her a letter

Peter

Bibi

Käfer

What do Käfer and Toby notice when they get to the top of the cliff overlooking the pier?

- There's no one there
- There are lots of fishermen out
- The sun is coming up and it is beautiful
- Two dinghies

What is suspicious about the men?

- They're really old
- They're carrying guns
- They have no fishing gear
- They're dressed in black

What does Käfer discover the men are there to do?

- Go fishing
- Spy on the locals
- Sightsee
- Get jobs in town

How do the British soldiers know the men are up to no good?

- A wireless transmitter falls out of their pack
- They speak German
- They have no papers
- They try to run for it

**What do the soldiers warn the boys not to do?**

- Go fishing so early again
- Go near the men
- Spy on people
- Tell anyone what happened

## **Boy from Berlin – pages 120-129**

**What important man congratulates Käfer on his heroic act?**

- The King of England
- Papa
- The mayor of Folkestone
- Winston Churchill

**How many days pass before father returns to the Grand Hotel?**

- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five

**What country does the family go to?**

- London
- Canada
- United States
- Germany

**What happens to the Grand Hotel just after the family leaves?**

- The manager quits
- It's badly shelled
- It catches on fire
- All the rooms are emptied

**What's the result of what happens at the Grand Hotel?**

- All the staff quit
- It was back up and running in two days
- Everyone staying there died
- No one was injured



**What is Papa's answer when Käfer asks him if they're Jewish?**

- We are
- We're Dutch
- We're alive which is all that matters
- We're going to be Canadian

**What advice does Papa give Käfer?**

- Don't become an engineer
- You'll be successful at whatever you put your mind to
- Keep an eye on your Mama and sister
- You should be a spy when you grow up