

READING QUESTIONS FOR *MAUS*

1. Note 4 or 5 panels where Vladek's character traits are evident. Do the same for Art. Pick five adjectives that describe Vladek's personality. Do the same for Art.
2. What are some of the central characteristics of the Auschwitz that Vladek experienced? How does it compare to Dachau? Note which panels convey this information.
3. To what extent is Vladek's story typical of what Jews experienced during the Holocaust?
4. From these books do you get a sense of what *caused* the Holocaust? Select some panels that indicate how Art or Vladek might explain why the Holocaust happened.
5. Why did Art Spiegelman choose the animals he did to represent different nationalities? What stereotypes do they convey?
6. What reasons does Art have for researching and recording his father's story? Is this book fiction? If not, explain how mice can talk in the real world.

