



In My Hands 1: Before the Storm (12-18)

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1. What happens in 1934? What title does Hitler take?
2. How far does Irene live from Germany when she is in Kozłowa Góra?
3. Why did people not care about borders? What were Berlin or Warsaw?

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4. Why did Poland have a history of always trying to preserve itself?

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5. What does Irene's Mamusia and Tatus encourage her to do as a volunteer?
6. Why was Irene drawn to the life of a nun?

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7. Use evidence to describe the type of person Irene was at the age of 16
8. What evidence proves how very innocent Irene is about men when she is 16.
9. What was the Treaty of Versailles?
10. What were the hopes of Hitler?

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11. Why did Irene's family want her to come home?
12. What did Irene believe guaranteed that Germany would never take over Poland?
13. When Irene does visit home that summer, what has changed about Kozłowa Góra?

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14. What mystifies Irene about how some of her neighbors are being treated?
15. Compare and Contrast Irene's view of Poland to Hitler's view of Poland? Does Hitler's view "justify his means?"