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Ms. Glass/ Mr. Dima Maus- Chapter 1 study guide questions

Directions: Carefully read the questions below. Answer each in complete sentences.

1. This is a graphic memoir. A graphic memoir tells a person’s life through text and drawings. Why does Art Spiegelman use mice instead of people to portray characters in the story? What do the mice represent?
2. Who is Vladek? Who is Artie? What kind of relationship do the two share? Use specific pictures and text to support your answer.
3. On page 13, Spiegelman tells us that his father’s second wife Mala was a survivor too, like most of his parents’ friends. Why does Spiegelman call Mala a survivor? What does he mean?
4. Why do you think the chapter is called “The Sheik?”
5. Who is Lucia? Who is Anja? Why does Vladek choose Anja over Lucia? What do you think of his choice?
6. Why does Vladek ask Art not to write about Lucia in his book? Why doesn’t Art listen to his father? Do you think it is right for Art to break his promise?