



# AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY ACTIVITY

## MARGUERITE ÉLIAS QUDDUS

**Instructions:** Use information gathered from recollections to fill in the blanks and answer the questions on the worksheet. Each fill-in-the-blank and question has an answer in the recollections. Each time you use a recollection to answer a question, add it to *My Collection* by tapping or clicking *Collect*. You should end up with ten recollections in *My Collection*.

You can find additional information about each recollection, including location, date and glossary terms, by tapping or clicking *More Info*.

The recollections are in chronological order, and the questions are in chronological order.

1. Marguerite grew up in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ with her parents and older sister, \_\_\_\_\_.

Describe one happy memory from Marguerite's childhood.

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2. In August 1941, Marguerite's father was arrested. Why was he surprised when the French police showed up at their home?

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3. Starting in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 1942, Marguerite had to wear a yellow star to identify her as Jewish.

How did it make her feel?

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4. In the summer of 1942, Marguerite's mother was arrested by the police. What happened to her and why didn't the police also arrest Marguerite and Henriette?

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5. Why did Marguerite and Henriette have to go into hiding and what was the secret that they had to keep?

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6. At the second Christmas in her hiding spot with the Chatenay family, Marguerite remembered the Saturday evening meals that she used to share with her family. Name three traditional dishes that she remembered eating:

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**7.** What was Marguerite’s reaction when Henriette asked if they should refer to the couple who was caring for them as “Mama” and “Papa”?

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**8.** After a long separation, Marguerite and her sister were reunited with their mother when France was liberated in 1944. What was Marguerite’s first impression of seeing her mother again?

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**9.** After the war, Marguerite’s mother showed her a paper saying that her father died in a death camp called \_\_\_\_\_ on the date \_\_\_\_\_. Marguerite thought it was a lie.

**10.** Because she was unable to write about her painful past, Marguerite’s son, Michael, suggested that she draw her most painful memory. What was the subject of her first drawing? Describe the scene that is represented in the drawing.

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