## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. How was your life the same as Barbara's and how was it different?
- 2. If you lived during the time of the Great Depression, do you think you would feel like Barbara or would you feel more like her brother?
- 3. Why do you think Barbara's brother's perspective was so different than hers?
- 4. Could a Great Depression ever happen again? What kinds of things or activities would you have to give up?

## Bingo phrases:

- 1. What year did the story take place: 1935
- 2. Barbara lived on a \_\_\_\_\_: farm
- 3. What state did Barbara live in: Nebraska
- 4. What was the time in history called when people were extremely poor: Great Depression
- 5. Farm families had a lot of children so they could help with: chores
- 6. Why was the soil so bad in the dust bowl: over-plowed land
- 7. What modern technologies were farmers introduced to that helped cause the dust bowl: gasoline and tractors
- 8. What did no one have in the Great depression: money
- 9. These creatures swarmed Nebraska in 1935: locusts
- 10. What government program put young men to work and sent most of their salaries home to their needy families: Civilian Conservation Corps
- 11. The illness that people got from breathing in dust in the dust bowl: pneumonia
- 12. What did Barbara do before school in the morning: milk cows and clean chicken coops
- 13. Barbara sold these products from the farm: eggs
- 14. Barbara made clothing for the young children in her family out of: feed and flour sacks
- 15. The religion of Barbara and her family was \_\_\_\_\_: Christian
- 16. Where was Barbara's brother Herman for most of her life: Europe
- 17. What country did the Great Depression not affect as much as some other countries in Europe: Portugal
- 18. What was one thing that shocked Herman about his home when he got home: no indoor plumbing
- 19. What was another thing that shocked Herman about his home when he got home: no electricity
- 20. What did fun activities did Barbara not have money for: movies and dancing
- 21. What decade did people have a lot of money and material things: 1920s

- 22. What did Barbara's family want from Herman instead of gifts: help on the farm
- 23. This was one reason why Herman came back to Nebraska to help her family: Barbara's devotion
- 24. Barbara felt lucky she could stay in \_\_\_\_\_ during this time: school

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Locusts	Nebraska	Portugal	Chores	1920's
Farm	Europe		Movies and dancing	Pneumonia
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No electricity	Money	No indoor plumbing	The Great Depression	School

Christian	Help on the farm	Milk cows and clean chicken coops	1920's	School
1935	Farm	Over-plowed land	Civilian Conservation Corps	Nebraska
Locusts	Pneumonia		Portugal	Gasoline and tractors
Money	Feed and flour sacks	Barbara's devotion	No indoor plumbing	Movies and dancing
Chores	No electricity	Europe	Eggs	The Great Depression

Portugal	Barbara's devotion	Farm	Locusts	Chores
Civilian Conservation Corps	School	Pneumonia	No indoor plumbing	Milk cows and clean chicken coops
Help on the farm	No electricity		1935	Feed and flour sacks
The Great Depression	Gasoline and tractors	Movies and dancing	Christian	Nebraska
Over-plowed land	1920's	Europe	Money	Eggs

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