

## ESOL Level 6

### Library Resources - Finding Reference Articles

#### Part 1: Identify Themes - for example in “Number the Stars”

1. With a partner or small group, brainstorm some events, themes, and ideas related to “Number the Stars” or another book. Write at least three below:

*Example: World War II*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Part 2: understanding reference books

For this section, we will look for reference articles. As an example, we’ll use the following reference titles related to “Number the Stars”:

- Illustrated World War II encyclopedia (24 volumes)
- Encyclopedia of World War II : a political, social, and military history (5 volumes)
- The Holocaust (4 volumes)
- Encyclopedia of the Holocaust (4 volumes)
- Encyclopedia of genocide and crimes against humanity (3 volumes)

Select one book from the reference titles above. Find an article related to “Number the Stars.” Answer the following:

1. The **title** of the **article** is:

*Example: Denmark, Role in War*

2. The article is from \_\_\_\_\_ . (write the **title** of the **reference book**):

*Example: Encyclopedia of World War II*

3. Skim your article. Find one sentence or passage that is somehow related to what you learned from reading and discussing “Number the Stars.” Write the sentence or passage below, and put it in quotes:

*Example: “There were Danes who took up cause against Germany from the beginning.”*

4. Continue skimming your article. Find one sentence or passage that is new information for you. Write the sentence or passage below, and put it in quotes:

*Example: “The Germans demanded that Denmark make a greater contribution to the German war effort, and Danish authorities urged some 100,000 of Denmark’s citizens to work in Germany...”*

5. Finally, skim the article again to find **keywords or key phrases** (search terms). Write a list of five important keywords from your article:

*Example: Denmark, German invasion, occupation, Free Danish Movement, Danish Freedom Council*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### **Part 3: Going further with reference books - Continue with other resources.**