

1. Would you want a POW Camp in your town? What would concern you? List 3-4 concerns/questions you would have about housing Nazi Soldiers in your town.

2. In your own lives, how do you treat an enemy or someone you don't particularly like?

4. How do you think the Germans felt being in Sycamore?
Imagine what their living conditions were in Nazi Germany before and during the war. Where would you want to live? Why?

3. What sort of rules would you want to apply to POW's? List 3-4 rules you would enforce. In Sycamore, the German POWs ate in restaurants and went to church (with their American guards of course).

5. There is an old saying, "Keep your friends close, but keep your enemies closer". What does it mean? How would you connect it to the Sycamore POW camp?

6. These POWs were boys and were willing to work. They were friendly and curious about America. They sang a lot and were amiable. In viewing them and their pleasing ways, it was hard to remember they were in the Nazi Army. How could you manage keeping these boys enemies when it was easy to be friendly?



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