

The Windermere Children (2020)

Viewing Guide

Based on the experience of child survivors of the Holocaust, *The Windermere Children* follows the children and staff of a camp set up on the Calgarth Estate in Troutbeck Bridge, near Lake Windermere, England, where the survivors were helped to rehabilitate, rebuild their lives, and integrate into British society.

While viewing the film, answer the following questions.

1. How many children did the British government agree to give refuge?
2. Describe the children when you first see them on the bus.
3. How does the older gentleman react to having vomit on him?
4. Why are the boys concerned while they're waiting to be examined?
5. Why won't Salek get off the bus?
6. What happens after the children are tucked into bed?
7. Why do you think Oscar just waves when Chaim starts to run?
8. What happens the first time the children all sit down to eat?
9. How do local boys from the town treat the children waiting in line?
10. How do the children react when they encounter a woman with her dog?
11. Why does the rabbi bring Sala up in front of the class during their English lesson?
12. What happens when the youth are sleeping?

13. Why doesn't Oscar want the Windermere children to play a "friendly" match with the town's children?
14. How is the children's art affecting Marie Paneth?
15. What arrives by car and brings renewed trauma for the children?
16. Why do the boys get in a bit of trouble with Oscar?
17. How does the staff at Windermere feel about the children's upcoming departure?
18. During the game, what does Mr. Lauer suggest "in the spirit of friendship?"
19. Who interrupts the futbol game looking for Salek?
20. What is something Oscar tells the children before they leave Windermere?
21. How did Arek explain how his time at Windermere made him feel?
22. Describe the futures for two of the children who were at Windermere. (Arek, Chaim, Ben, Schmuel, Icek, Sala, and/or Salek)
23. How many child survivors of the Holocaust were brought to the UK?
24. What three words would you use to describe how you felt while watching this film?
25. What do you consider to be the most memorable/powerful scene of the film?