

**Discussion Questions for  
Classrooms & Homeschools**  
*Two Lights of Hope*



1. Have you read any of the five novels Adriana reads? (See the reading list in the front.) How did that help you follow the story?
  
2. What does Adriana learn from each of the novels she reads?
  - Diary of a Young Girl*
  - The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
  - The Clue in the Diary*
  - Pride and Prejudice*
  - The Hiding Place*
  
3. It's been said that you must understand WWII history to understand Eastern Europe under Communism. What are the similarities of life under Nazi rule and under Communist rule? The differences? Which do you think would have been harder?
  
4. What do you think Zugravescu meant when he said, on page 284, "Iron Guard, Communists. Right wing, left wing. What's the difference? Power. That's all that counts."
  
5. What do you think the two lights of hope refer to?

6. When 1989 began, Adriana expected it to be a good year. Do you think she was right or wrong? Why or why not?

7. How did the events in China's Tiananmen Square give Ofelia hope?

8. Choose three of the following policies and discuss how they affect regular citizens:

Collectivization

Systematization

Resettlement

Industrialization

Nationalization

Reeducation

Censorship

Austerity measures

Propaganda

Curfew

Rational Eating Plan to Reduce Obesity