



## Writing Prompts: -Raisa Kreymerman

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### **Prompt 1**

Please watch the video of Raisa Kreymerman as she discusses several central ideas. Determine one central idea from the video and write an essay that both summarizes and analyzes how that central idea is developed over the course of the video, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details. Cite strong and thorough evidence from the video to support your analysis.

### **Prompt 2**

In August 1939, The Soviet and German governments signed the Molotov-Ribbentrop Non-Aggression Pact. Then, in June 1941 in Operation Barbarossa, Germany and its Axis forces invaded the Soviet Union. Referring to Raisa's timeline and the transcript, how did the events of Russian-German relations during World War II affect Raisa and her family's experiences?

### **Prompt 3**

Raisa, her mother and brother moved to Magnitogorsk in Siberia, then a part of Russia, to avoid advancing German troops. Read the following quote from the Wikipedia article "Magnitogorsk" (cited May 5, 2016): "In 1937 foreigners were told to exit and Magnitogorsk was declared a closed city. There is not much reliable information about events and development of the city during the closed period." A closed city is a settlement where travel or residency restrictions are applied so that specific authorization is required to visit or remain overnight. Write a narrative essay about Magnitogorsk during WWII that explains what life was like. Cite primary evidence from Raisa's testimony and use the links below to research your premise:

Magnitogorsk (history)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magnitogorsk>

Photos of Magnitogorsk, Russian site

<http://ingvarr.net.ru/photo/32>

The Secret History of Magnitogorsk

<http://www.theguardian.com/cities/2016/apr/12/story-of-cities-20-the-secret-history-of-magnitogorsk-russias-steel-city><sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> (n.d.). Retrieved April 29, 2017, from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magnitogorsk>, <http://ingvarr.net.ru/photo/32>, <http://www.theguardian.com/cities/2016/apr/12/story-of-cities-20-the-secret-history-of-magnitogorsk-russias-steel-city>.