**Among the Betrayed**

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Novel Study

Name:

*Nina Idi – a third child in a society where families are allowed only two children – has been betrayed by the boy she loved, and arrested by the Population Police for exposing other alleged third children. Angry and confused, Nina known only one thing for sure:*

*She is innocent of the charges.*

*But now she is faced with the most difficult choice of her life: Get three other prisoners to admit they are shadow children and be spared herself, or refuse to cooperate and be killed.*

*The options are clear. The choice, Nina discovers, is not…*

**Titles are important. Thinking about the first two novels in the Shadow Children series, how were the titles related or important to the story?**

***Among the Hidden:*** *(Book No. 1)*

***Among the Impostors:*** *(Book No. 1)*

**Now think about this book: *Among the Betrayed*. What do you supposed this book is going to be about? What plot twists do you think might happen? Why?**

**Chapters 1-2**

*Vocabulary – Define the following words* ***AND*** *use the word in a sentence* ***OR*** *find three synonyms and an antonym.*

Prodded:

Savored:

Guilt:

Cohort:

**Book Set Up:**

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| **Characters:** | **Setting:** |
| **Plot Summary** | |
| **Questions:** | **Predictions:** |

**Paragraph Response**

**Do you think Jason actually betrayed Nina? Why/Why not?**

**Chapters 3-4**

*Vocabulary – Define the following words* ***AND*** *use the word in a sentence* ***OR*** *find three synonyms and an antonym.*

Sentimental:

Console:

Condemned:

Ludicrous:

Legitimate:

Edict:

Defiant:

Flagrant:

**Do you think Nina will betray Jason or take the fall? Why/Why not?**

**What would you do if you were Nina? Would you betray the person you love? Why/Why not?**

**Chapters 5-7**

*Vocabulary – Define the following words* ***AND*** *use the word in a sentence* ***OR*** *find three synonyms and an antonym.*

Stave:

Loophole:

Pungent:

Tentative:

Rejuvenate:

**Paragraph Response:**

**“The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one.” – *Spock, Star Trek***

**Respond to the quote above: what does it mean? Is it true? How does it relate to the novel we’re reading?**

**What would you do if you were Nina?**

**Chapters 8-9**

*Vocabulary – Define the following words* ***AND*** *use the word in a sentence* ***OR*** *find three synonyms and an antonym.*

Agape:

Buoyant:

Interrogate:

Traitor:

Treason:

Conferring:

**Draw a picture of a typical Population Police Officer. What does he look like? What is his personality like? Describe the attributes and/or characteristics of the Population Police.**

**Chapters 10-12**

*Vocabulary – Define the following words* ***AND*** *use the word in a sentence* ***OR*** *find three synonyms and an antonym.*

Luxurious:

Ravenous:

Invariable:

Delicious:

**Who do you think poisoned Mack? Why?**

**What should Nina do next? Does she try to escape? How? Does she bring the other three children with her or go by herself? Defend your answer.**

**Chapters 13-15**

*Vocabulary – Define the following words* ***AND*** *use the word in a sentence* ***OR*** *find three synonyms and an antonym.*

Harangued:

Values:

Morals:

**Paragraph Response:**

**The values and morals that our parents teach us make us who we are. Nina is faced with a number of difficult situations where she must decide what is right and what is wrong. She continually thinks of her Aunts and Gran and wonders what they would think of her decisions.**

**Can you think of a time when you were faced with a difficult situation and had to decide what was right and what was wrong? What did you do? How did it make you feel?**

**Chapters 16-18**

*Vocabulary – Define the following words* ***AND*** *use the word in a sentence* ***OR*** *find three synonyms and an antonym.*

Threshold:

**Questions:**

**Lost in the woods and on the run: what now? Predict what’s going to happen next. Defend your answer.**

**What you do think of the Alia, Matthias, and Percy? What do you suppose their story is?**

**Re-write the escape sequence from either Alia, Matthias, or Percy’s perspective.**

**Chapters 18-20**

*Vocabulary – Define the following words* ***AND*** *use the word in a sentence* ***OR*** *find three synonyms and an antonym.*

Sentry:

Survival:

**Paragraph Response:**

**Imagine you’re deserted on a tropical island. You will be there for approximately 10 days; you are all alone with no cell phone. What do you do to survive?**

List of Resources:

Bark Palm Trees

Berries Grass

Stones Ocean

**Draw a picture of your Island:**

**Chapters 21-22**

*Vocabulary – Define the following words* ***AND*** *use the word in a sentence* ***OR*** *find three synonyms and an antonym.*

Chide:

Pride:

Invincible:

Encompass:

Weevil:

**Summarize the chapter:**

**Predict what’s going to happen next:**

**Chapters 23-25**

*Vocabulary – Define the following words* ***AND*** *use the word in a sentence* ***OR*** *find three synonyms and an antonym.*

Imitation:

Swagger:

Traipse:

Non-profit:

Commotion:

Over-confident:

Gripe:

**Should Nina tell the other three the whole truth? Why/Why not?**

**Where do you suppose the boys are taking Nina? What might happen next?**

**Chapters 26-28**

*Vocabulary – Define the following words* ***AND*** *use the word in a sentence* ***OR*** *find three synonyms and an antonym.*

Deceptive:

Forthcoming:

Accomplice:

Abandon:

Alternate:

Decrepit:

Dilemma:

Manufacturing:

Adversity:

**Do you think it was fair to test, trick, and deceive Nina? Why/Why not? How you feel if you were Nina?**

**Create a poster for a movie version of the book.**

Things you must include:

Title Author Director Release Date Major Actors/Actresses