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*The Violence  
of Reason*



## **Questions for *The Violence of Reason***

What do you think the title means?

Discuss what you know about the Nazi occupation of Norway during World War II?

Explore how using Norill's point of view impacts the story.

What would be the most challenging aspects of living under an occupying military force?

Identify and discuss some of the themes in this novel.

Compare this work to others set during this historical period.

Discuss the characters.

Explore interesting developments and plot twists in the story.

Argue which characters are sympathetic. Provide examples from the novel to support.

Discuss a decision(s) made by a character that you disagree with and explain why.

Explore the relationship between fate and freewill. Make connections to this work.

Could Norill have avoided any of the outcomes in this book? If so, argue which ones and explain how.

Do you think war destroys our morals or re-enforces them? Explain.

Discuss how handicapped characters are portrayed or ignored in literary works, films, or television.

How do you view Norill's family members by the end of this book?

What would be some of the greatest challenges of maintaining a resistance cell or a resistance movement under occupation. Discuss.

What questions did this novel raise for you?

### **Activities**

*Design your own discussion questions.*

*Try discussing the novel using the provided Types of Literary Criticism resource*

*Illustrate a key scene or character(s) from the book.*

*Make a soundtrack for the book and explain your selections.*

*Design costumes for the characters.*

*Cast a film, television, or play version of this work.*

*Write an original poem based on elements from this novel*

*Create an original movie poster or playbill for this book.*

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