

Year 7 – 8 Honourable Mentions

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Survive, Live, Never Die

Jews fought for their lives. Fought as skinny, hungry, tired, boney people but they fought like no others. 6 million of them fought just as strongly and still passed away.

Wood Beds. Normally 6 layed upon each. Sleep was medicine they couldn't have.

Limited Food. Their ribs busting through their skin. Soup, bread. That's all they knew.

Days without food, sleep, or water. Only pain and fear.

That's what these people had to live through and had to fight for.

For more and more pain every day. But they fought with hope.

And 28,849 days from when I started this poem was the best day of many lives.

The war was finally over, many they loved passed but after all their pain.

They survived.

Now all those lives are coming to a close.

The past is coming to a close but it will still live on.

80 years from now how will we remember?

We'll watch movies,

Movies that feel so real were taken back 160 years ago

To that camp, that moment and that fear

So they understand what these people would've seen, felt and witnessed.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas took me back 80 years

It made me realise that we need to remember

We can never forget how far we've come

We'll read books

Books that make our minds full of images

That makes us feel, think and grieve

Prisoner B-3087 is my favourite book.

It filled me with fear and hope

Books stay forever they never disappear

And we won't let the war either

We'll listen to podcasts,

Podcasts of people's stories

Words that make us envision

just how they felt and just how it was

And just how lucky we are

And finally, we'll listen to the witnesses

We'll be the witnesses and we'll share what we know

There is a difference between witnesses and survivors

If you ever talk to a survivor about what they went through

You're a witness, if you watch a movie, read a book, or listen to a podcast

I'm a witness and

after reading this you're a witness
So share what you know with those in 80 years
So these suffers and survivors live on forever.