

## Endless Steppe 6-11 Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Rudomins life change when they were granted amnesty? How did it stay the same? What were some of the luxuries the family had once they moved to the barracks outside of the village?
2. Esther says that Anya Kaftal had transformed vanity into an act of courage (p. 77). What does she mean by this?
3. The Rudomins stay with 2 different Siberian families before they have their own hut. Who were these families and what were they like?
4. Someone has been stealing food from the Rudomins. Who was behind the missing food and how do we know? (p. 107-108)
5. Why did Esther cut her hair? Do you think she should have?
6. Who was Vanya the bum? What is his history (p. 138)? Why do you think he changes so drastically?