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The Danish Resistance

During World War II, Germany invaded and took control of Denmark on April 9, 1940. At first, the Danish government agreed to cooperate with Germany to keep peace and protect its people. They surrendered quickly because they knew their small army could not

In 1943, the Nazis planned to

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The Resistance was made up of ordinary people. Students, teachers, farmers, shop owners, and even police officers worked together in secret. They printed underground newspapers that shared the truth about what the Nazis were doing, helped people escape the country, and damaged German supplies and railroads. The members of the resistance knew that if they were caught, they could be imprisoned or killed, but they continued to fight for the safety of their countrymen. They would not let the Nazis carry out their plans without a fight.

people were safely taken across the sea to Sweden, a nearby neutral country that the Nazis did not control. This rescue became one of the most successful efforts to save Jews during the Holocaust.

The Danish Resistance continued to fight until the war ended in 1945. Their bravery showed that even under Nazi rule, people could stand up for what was right. The courage, resilience, and compassion of the Danish people saved thousands of lives and became a powerful example of hope during a tumultuous and dangerous time in history.

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a. They supported Germany's ideas.

b. They had a small army and wanted to protect their people.

c. They wanted to join the Nazis.

d. They were far away from the war and other conflict.

2. Who were the people involved in the Danish Resistance?

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5. Why is the story of the Danish Resistance an important piece of history during World War II?

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Match each vocabulary word from the article with the correct definition.

1. ____ not calm or peaceful

a. invaded

5. ____ hidden or done secretly to avoid being caught

e. resilience

6. ____ not taking sides or fighting in a war

f. countrymen

7. ____ people who come from the same country as you

g. underground

8. ____ gave up or stopped fighting because you cannot win

h. imprisoned

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In the article, "The Danish Resistance," you learned about how ordinary Danish citizens fought against the Germans.
How did people in the Danish Resistance show bravery and teamwork during World War II? Use at least two details from the text to support your answer.

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