Chapter 4: "The Noose Tightens"

1. Describe the activities depicted in the family dinner scene on pages 74-76. What do they tell you about the Zylberbergs?
2. Although Jews were allowed only limited rations under the Nazi occupation, Vladek manages to circumvent (get around) these restrictions for a while. What methods does he use to support himself and his family?
3. During the brutal mass arrest depicted on page 80, Vladek is framed by a panel shaped like a Jewish star. How does this device express his situation at that moment?
4. After seeing his business associates hanging, why does Vladek continue with his "black market" dealings? Does he consider his dealings to be immoral or just illegal?
5. What is the benefit of cut-away views, like on p. 86?
6. What happened to Vladek's father? What do the events on pages 88-91 suggest about how the Nazis viewed the Jews?

Alternate Chp. 4 Assignment: Pretend you are one of the Jewish Committee members helping the Nazis in the stadium. In a full paragraph (min. 100 words), defend your actions with at least three fully explained reason.