

Unbroken

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- 1. What makes Louis Zamperini's story so inspirational to readers who have never experienced war?
- 2. How do you define heroism, and does Louie fit your definition?
- 3. How did Louie's early rebelliousness prepare him for wartime survival?
- 4. In what ways did Louie's athletic career help him endure the war?
- 5. How important was Pete's influence on shaping Louie's life and values?
- 6. Were you surprised by the extreme risks faced by WWII airmen? What details stood out?
- 7. What are your thoughts on Mac's behavior and transformation?
- 8. Why are optimism and mindset crucial in times of extreme hardship?
- 9. Which survival strategies used by Louie and Phil impressed you most?
- 10. Would you ever consider cannibalism in a life-or-death survival scenario?
- 11. What is your interpretation of the miracles Louie believed he experienced?
- 12. Why did POWs risk so much to commit acts of defiance?
- 13. What motivates cruelty in people, especially in war settings like POW camps?
- 14. Why was the death of the duck, Gaga, so affecting for Louie?
- 15. Was the escape plan from Ofuna foolish or psychologically necessary?

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