

Stalag 17 Film Study Guide

Directions: This Study Guide will help you take notes as you watch the film. A cast list has been included so you can identify the characters in the film. Write the answers to the questions on page two in your notebook. These notes are important to the next web activity.

Cast

- William Holden as J.J. Sefton
- Don Taylor as Lieutenant Dunbar
- Otto Preminger as Von Scherbach
- Robert Strauss as Stanislas "Animal" Kasava
- Harvey Lembeck as Harry Shapiro
- Peter Graves as Price
- Sig Ruman as Sergeant Johann Sebastian Schulz
- Neville Brand as Duke
- Richard Erdman as Hoffy
- Michael Moore as Manfredi
- Peter Baldwin as Johnson
- Robinson Stone as Joey
- Robert Shawley as Blondie Peterson
- William Pierson as Marko
- Gil Stratton as Clarence Harvey "Cookie" Cook (Narrator)
- Jay Lawrence as Bagradian
- Erwin Kalser as Geneva Man
- Paul Salata as Prisoner with Beard

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Questions

1. Who is the narrator?
2. What happened to the two men who tried to escape?
3. How many prisoners are in the compound?
4. Describe the character of J.J. Sefton. What is his attitude to being a prisoner of war?
5. How do the prisoners move the radio around the camp? What do they use for an antenna?
6. Describe the prisoners' living conditions.
7. Explain the importance of the chess piece.
8. List the forms of entertainment the prisoners had.
9. What are the "horses"?
10. Explain the significance of the light bulb.
11. What is the difference between the prisoners' actual treatment and the information available to their families back home?
12. Where do you think that information comes from?
13. Why do the men think he is the informer, and what did they do about it?
14. How did the lieutenant blow up the train?
15. Who is the informer?
16. How does Sefton find out?
17. How do the men get to Lieutenant Dunbar away from the guards?
18. Where do they hide Dunbar?
19. What do the men do with the informer?