**Vocabulary:**

**mangled—**so damaged or hurt that something is twisted out of shape and can no longer be used.

**former—**in this case, “former” is used to refer to the first of two people or things that you have mentioned.

**latter—**used to refer to the second of two people or things that you have mentioned.

**Spaniard—**a person from Spain.

**subversive-**-intended to destroy of undermine the power of a government, belief, or other authority.

**Dane—**a person from Denmark.

**gross--** 144 of something

1. Use the footnote. What is Maidanek?
2. What is being shipped to Maidanek?
3. In the second stanza, what do the Russian mother and her child have with them? Why does the speaker mention their belongings?
4. Why does the poet begin so many lines with “Item:”? What is he trying to emphasize?
5. The word “disposition” has multiple meanings. Out of all the following meanings, which one is appropriate for the poem and why?
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10. What is the author’s message? The theme of the poem?