

Dora Holzhandler My Grandfather in Auschwitz



How does Holzhandler identify her Grandfather as Jewish in this painting?

There were also other methods of prisoner identification used by the Nazis in the camps. Do you know what these were?



The striped 'pyjama' uniform worn by prisoners.



The yellow Star of David used to identify Jewish prisoners



The 'Kippah', a skullcap worn by Orthodox male Jews.



A Holy book with Hebrew text

The painting also seems to suggest that despite what was happening, the artist's grandfather maintained his faith in Judaism.

The Grandfather holds a Holy book with Hebrew text. Despite the practice of Judaism being prohibited, the Grandfather sits out in the open, reading from the book.

He wears a Kippah which denotes his faith in Judaism.

Despite the atrocities that surround him, he has expression of calm and peace.

The depiction of the grandfather suggests that his faith cannot be taken away from him.

