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Stephen (Steve) Adler was born in Berlin, Germany, 1930. When Steve was 7 years old he had to leave his school and transfer to a Jewish private school. There had been more than 30,000 Jewish **males** that had been arrested and along with the other Jews was Steven's father. So Steve must have gone through a rough time moving schools and also knowing his dad was arrested.

After time, the Jews were still getting treated poorly. While January 1939, Jews had to take identity cards so the Nazis knew which were Jewish and which were Nazis. After time, it was getting worse for Steve and his family. Steve's father was released from jail, as he was in a dark cell for almost a decade. Soon after Steve's father was out of jail, Steve was sent to a kindertransport that brings you in a train, and was on its way to England that was sent by a ship. Steve was in England, only knowing a few words of English. So Steve must have had to learn so he be able to talk to anyone. Steve was staying in a new house away from his family, and had to be with a new family also.

Steve hadn't seen his real family for quite some time. In 1940, Steve and his brother met later that summer, Steve and his brother met their family once again. They went to the United States, and stayed in Chicago.

My reactions:

Steven Adler's story inspires me because he went through a rough time losing his dad for nine years and leaving schools, leaving home, and even not seeing his family for a year and staying with a new family also. But Steve stayed strong mentally and found a way to be free now than being treated like he was nothing. So that really inspires me for when there is tough times, I need to battle through it and always believe it will end up great.