

SCHINDLER'S LIST

Krakow

Plaszow Forced Labor Camp

Judenrat

Amon Goeth

Oskar Schindler

Ghetto

OD (Jewish Ghetto Police)

SS (Schutzstaffel)

D.E.F.

Sabbath

Itzhak Stern

Krakow Ghetto Massacre

Race and Resettlement Act

exhume

Auschwitz

Zwittau Brinnlitz, Czechoslovakia

The Final Solution

Zyklon B

Film Viewing Questions:

1. The role of Itzhak Stern is crucial. How does Stern, an accountant, first open the doors for the possibility of Jewish rescue at Schindler's factory?
2. What other examples are there of Stern nudging Schindler in the direction of rescue? Give three.

3. Schindler and his mistress witness an Aktion in the Krakow ghetto, and Oskar observes a wandering Jewish girl in a red coat. What is the significance of this "girl in red"? What does she represent or symbolize?
4. This is one of the four occasions in the film when color is used. Why is color used? What statement does this make?
5. What was Schindler doing when he talked to Amon Goeth about power and told him that refraining from imposing punishment showed greater power than imposing it? Was Schindler successful?
6. It is obvious that Schindler risked his life to save the Jews. Did he do it out of empathy, impulse, self-interest, influence, or some other impulse?
7. Elie Wiesel, a survivor of the Holocaust, has said that "indifference" is the greatest sin and punishment of the Holocaust.
 - I. What did he mean by this?
 - II. How does this concept relate to the scene in which Schindler arranges to have the condemned Jews in the overheated box cars hosed down with water?
 - III. Why does this act amuse the Commandant and other SS officials as they sit in the shade and sip their iced drinks?
8. What things did Oskar see that helped him understand the horror of the situation?
9. Give five specific examples of his stepping in to help and/or save Jews during the film.
10. Was Oskar dedicated from the beginning, pushed by Stern, or only when he received the ring was he sure he had done the right thing?