**SCHINDLER’S LIST**

**Vocabulary and Discussion**

**Instructions:**

**Vocabulary:** Define the listed terms and describe how or why they are significant to the film. You may have to use outside sources.

**Discussion:** Write a paragraph or a short paper to explain the requested information. Why is this important to the history involved?

**Part I *-The war begins***

**Vocabulary**

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| 1. Krakow | 5. Plaszow Forced Labor Camp |
| 2. Judenrat | 6. Amon Goeth |
| 3. Oskar Schindler | 7. Ghetto |
| 4. OD (Jewish Ghetto Police) | 8. SS (Schutzstaffel) |

**Discussion**

1. a) 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?
3. Explain the toast in which Schindler thanks Stern. Why do you think Stern acts as he does, and why he never drinks with Oskar?
4. a) 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?

b) This is one of the four occasions in the film when color is used. Why is color used? What statement does this make?

**Part II *The Rescue***

**Vocabulary**

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| 1. D.E.F. | 6. Sabbath |
| 2. Itzhak Stern | 7. Krakow Ghetto Massacre |
| 3. Race and Resettlement Act | 8. exhume |
| 4. Auschwitz | 9. Zwittau Brinnlitz, Czechoslovakia |
| 5. The Final Solution | 10. Zyklon B |

**Discussion**

1. **Why do you think he did it?** It is obvious that Schindler risked his life to save the Jews. Did he do it out of empathy, impulse, self-interest, influence? What things did Oskar see that helped him understand the horror of the situation? Give specific examples of his benevolence. 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? Did Oskar ever really realize how much he had done?