

The Holocaust and Moral Dilemmas

As you saw in “Anne Frank”, people in crisis have to make hard decisions. Of course it is hard to know how we would react in these situations without being put in the situation.

It is World War II and you live in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Using the *blitzkrieg*, Hitler’s military easily takes over the country. As they have in other countries they have taken over, the Nazis go about identifying all Jews and shipping them off to concentration camps. Your neighbors are a young Jewish couple – the wife is 7 months pregnant. In the middle of the night, they come to you and your family, begging that you hide them.

What would you do?

- ❑ Your answer should be written like a story, with dialog and description.
- ❑ Your story should have a logical BEGINNING, MIDDLE and END.
- ❑ Use the rubric on the back of this sheet to guide your writing.

- ❖ Your answer should include facts about World War II. Below are vocabulary you might consider including:
 - Scapegoat
 - Aryan
 - Holocaust
 - *Kristallnacht*
 - Star of David
 - Ghettos
 - Final Solution
 - Concentration camp
 - *Blitzkrieg*
 - Allies
 - Axis
 - Charles de Gaulle
 - Winston Churchill
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt

- ❑ Use Chapter 16 out of your textbook as a reference for facts so your story is realistic.