**Escape From Sobibor Film: Critical Thinking Questions**

Source: Jewish Resistance in the Holocaust

(Organization of Partizans and Underground and Ghetto Fighters)

Directions: Read over the questions prior to watching the film. Take notes during the film to help guide your thinking. These questions should be answered upon completing the film.

**Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may type/write your responses.**

1. History has provided us with testimonies of Jews who succeeded in escaping from various ghettos and camps, but later retraced their steps due to the many difficulties they experienced outside. What difficulties do you think the Jews experienced in their flight to freedom? Which difficulties were presented in the film? In the final analysis, according to the film, was the Jews’ attempt at escape from the camp worthwhile?
2. The term “heroism”, in the reality of the Holocaust, wore many guises, some of which were expressed in the film by various characters who found themselves in diverse situations. Who do you think is the central hero in the film which you saw? Why? (Explain)
3. If the group of Jews had not carried out their attempt at escape, do you think they would not be heroes? Which heroic stories do we prefer to be told and what do we wish for the outcome? Do these stories generally present what actually happened in the dreadful history called the Holocaust of the Jewish people? (Explain)

4.    In the escape scene, although the gates of the camp were open, there were those who remained motionless and did not flee for their lives. Try to explain the reasons why you think they remained in the camp.