

As you watch *Episode 2: Selling War*, record your responses (1 to 2 sentences per question) to the questions below.

### **Convincing Germans to Go To War** (Start time 0:00)

1. At the beginning of 1939 most Germans did not want to go to war. Hitler and his Master of Propaganda, Joseph Goebbels developed a strategy to change the minds of the German people. What country was targeted in this strategy? Why was it targeted?
2. How were newspapers used to create hysteria and fear of Poland?
3. In the documentary you learn that the propaganda campaign didn't end once the war in Poland started. How did the Nazis use propaganda to cover up the reality of the war in Poland?
4. Why is the Nazi film called "*Baptism of Fire*" considered by some to be a weapon of war?

### **The Fall of France** (Start time 14:05)

5. How was propaganda used to convince the French that all would be well despite the fact that Nazis had invaded the country?
6. Why did *General Pétain* target school teachers as the enemies of France?
7. Why are children the most effective targets of propaganda?

### **Campaign for the Master Race** (Start time 23:00)

9. Why did Hitler want to kill all those who were mentally ill?
10. What evidence does the documentary use to show that Hitler was aware this campaign was illegal?
11. How did he use propaganda to convince Germans that the mentally ill should be exterminated?
12. Why did many physicians support the Nazi plan to exterminate the mentally ill?
13. Why didn't the Nazis execute *Cardinal August Graf von Galen* after he publicly denounced the Nazi euthanasia program?
14. By 1945, how many mentally ill Germans had been put to death?

### **The Nazi Plan to Exterminate Jews** (Start time 29:45)

15. In the opening part of this section, how did the footage of Polish Jews taken by a Polish citizen differ from the footage of Polish Jews taken by the Nazis?
16. Record 2 examples that show that the Nazis were trying to make sure that Polish Jews died.
17. Why did the Nazis create the propaganda film "*The Eternal Jew*"? What were they trying to achieve with the film?
18. When it became apparent that Polish Jews were not dying fast enough within the Warsaw ghetto, the Nazis decided to deport the people to death camps. How many Polish Jews died in the ghetto? And how many died in the camps?

### **POST-VIEWING REFLECTION**

19. Outline the reasons why the propaganda campaign against the Jews was successful, when the campaign against the mentally ill was not?