

***Anthropoid* Film Analysis**

Directions – Answer the following questions using specific examples from the movie. Feel free to look up information on the film for names and details that you may have missed.

1. Why do Jan Kubis and Josef Gabcik airdrop into Prague? What is the purpose of Operation Anthropoid?
2. Describe life in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia.
3. What kinds of things does the film reference about SS General Reinhard Heydrich that have earned him the nickname “the Butcher of Prague”?
4. Describe the methods used by the members of Operation Anthropoid. How do they carry out the operation, and how do they attempt to do this covertly?
5. What kinds of consequences could come and will come from the attempt to carry out Operation Anthropoid?
6. Josef says, “All true patriots should be willing to fight and die for their country.” Do you agree with Josef that their mission must be accomplished at any cost?

7. Consider the following quote from Mohandas Gandhi: *“Though violence is not lawful, when it is offered in self-defense or for the defense of the defenseless, it is an act of bravery far better than cowardly submission. The latter befits neither man nor woman. Under violence, there are many stages and varieties of bravery. Every man must judge this for himself. No other person can or has the right.”* The film celebrates the bravery of those who resisted the takeover and brutalizing of their country. But the film also displays the madness of war, and the often repeated warning that violence always provokes more violence. Films such as this can be difficult for those espousing non-violence. We are obviously on the side of the oppressed and against the oppressor, yet our heroes are plotting to kill a man, and by killing that man, thousands more will die as reprisal for the act. Given these considerations, do you believe that Operation Anthropoid was correct even though it brought about the imprisonment of over 13,000 Czechs and the deaths of over 5,000 of them?