**Notesheet: Diaries from the Warsaw *Great Aktion*: 22 July to 12 September 1942** Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hr \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Questions to consider while reading…** | **Background:**   * gender * age * citizenship * education * prewar role in community * role in the ghetto | **Details:**   * What does this individual know about what is happening? What do they personally see and hear? * What rumors do they mention? * What specific people or landmarks does this person mention? * What does this person expect will happen and/or what are they prepared for? * Where does this person corroborate another diarist? * What happens to the diarist and their family? |

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| **Background**   * older man * position of power * Judenrat leader * commits suicide 7/23/42 after refusing to give deportation order | **Background**   * young woman whose mom is American citizen * sent to French internment camp; then exchanged for German POWs * rewrote her diary from original shorthand – first published in 1944 | **Background**   * older man * member of the intelligentsia * murdered at Treblinka during January 1943 deportations | **Background**   * Orthodox Jewish man with Yeshiva education * career educator in Hebrew schools * deported to and murdered at Treblinka in December 1942 or January 1943 | **Background**   * young girl * fled ghetto * in hiding on Aryan side until liberation |
| **Details**   * focus on day to day running of the ghetto * aware of deportation threats/orders * references leaders being taken to the Pawiak (Berg) * forward-looking as though ghetto will continue to exist (orphanages, etc.) * meeting with Nazis to mitigate against orders - repeated attempts to negotiate with the Nazis * focus on very specific people - he knows the leadership * references arrival of cattle cars (Berg) | **Details**   * in Pawiak as US citizen * references Judenrat leaders there * exempt from deportation, so enjoys certain detachment * talks about Korczak * talks about Czerniakow’s suicide * references random murders on July 21 (Kaplan) * rumors/belief that their separation was a bad sign for the ghetto * references arrival of cattle cars (Czerniakow) | **Details**   * hospital evacuation, beggars being rounded up (Kaplan) * Czerniakow’s suicide | **Details**   * references foreign Jews going to Pawiak (Berg) * Judenrat denies deportation rumors (Czerniakow) * random murders (July 21) * hospital evacuated; beggars rounded up (Lewin) * Who is exempt from deportation? (Berg) * Czerniakow’s suicide * Judenrat leaders arrested | **Details**   * focus on young people’s interests * unaware of what was coming |
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