**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
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| **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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