**­­­­Due: Tuesday, March 12, Midnight**

When movies are made about historical events, they provide an entertaining window into the past. After watching *The Book Thief*, you should have a better understanding of what life was like in Germany during the Third Reich. Movies also provide us with an opportunity to use topics as a departure point for more research. This is what I want you to do today.

Choose **one part** of average German life during the Third Reich that were depicted in the movie, *The Book Thief*, and compare them to historical accounts. Options include, but are not lim­­ited to:

* Food (availability, rationing)
* Conscription to the German military (involuntary, young boys, fathers, older men)
* Hitler Youth (participation, messages, activities) and education
* Loss of privacy in the home (random searches)
* Conformity (flying the flag, saluting Hitler and the Nazi Party, attendance at rallies)
* Bystander effect (while neighbors are being questioned, or wrongs are brought to light most people remain quiet)
* Kristallnacht, deportation of neighbors

The historical accounts you use should be documented on a Works Cited page, MLA style. Use EasyBib or BibMe if you need assistance with citations.

**Your historical accounts should be scholarly (I suggest United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Yad Vashem, Facing History and Ourselves, Jewish Virtual Library, Calvin College, BBC, news articles, etc.).**  If you want to use a source outside of those recommended, see me first. Wikipedia should not be used as a source, but can be used as your departure point for scholarly research. **Use one article for research.**

**What you will produce after your research:**

Discuss your research in written form (what life in Germany was really like during the Third Reich according to this article), and then compare your research to what you watched in the movie. Sometimes Hollywood does a great job portraying historical events and sometimes filmmakers fall short or even depict historic events in a contradictory manner. It is your job to discern this and discuss it in your response.

**Length: Make sure you include description, analysis, and comparison, relying on scholarly research. Your total word count should be around 500 words.**

When you turn in your written response it should include:

* Written response
* Works cited

**Share with me on Google Drive…aemard@wcpss.net when you are finished.**