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**The Pianist Reflections Questions**

Directions: Answer each of the following in 3-4 sentences. Question 5 should be answered in a full paragraph (5 sentences).

1. Imagine that you are Władysław Szpilman. Would you join the Jewish police force to bring more money and an easier life to your family, or would you refuse to join? Why?
2. What personal characteristics about Szpilman allowed him to survive? Think of specific instances in which these characteristics shined.
3. What was the toughest part of Szpilman’s journey to freedom? Why?
4. There were at least six millions deaths associated to the Holocaust, if not more. How does an event as awful as this happen?
5. Jews were systematically killed and displaced for almost a decade. In 1945, they were freed, but most of them had nothing. How should the Jewish people have been helped immediately after the Holocaust? Should there still be reparations today?