



Inheritance **Study Guide**

Name: _____

Directions: Use this handout to take notes on what you see in the film clips and read online.

People in this lesson:

- Amon Goeth: Nazi commander of the Plaszow Concentration Camp (by Krakow, Poland) during World War II. Known for his extreme acts of cruelty and murderous nature, he was executed for his war crimes in 1946.
- Ruth: Mistress of Amon Goeth and mother of Monika. Ruth lived with Goeth in a villa at the Plaszow Concentration Camp. She kept his picture by her bed until her death in 1983 at age 65.
- Monika: Daughter of Amon Goeth and Ruth. Her father was executed when she was an infant. Monika did not have a pleasant relationship with her mother.
- Helen: Prisoner at Plaszow who was forced to work as a house servant in Amon Goeth's villa.
- Vivian: Helen's daughter.

1. Describe life at the villa for Helen.
2. Describe life at the villa for Amon and Ruth.
3. How did Ruth spend her time at the villa?
4. What acts of cruelty did Helen say Amon committed?
5. According to Vivian's online interview, what impact did the Holocaust have on her family?
6. Would you consider Vivian a victim of the Holocaust? Why or why not?