**Wannsee Protocol (January 20, 1942)**

Take careful notes as you read pages 2-10 and 14-15 of the document.

Only one copy of this document has survived (out of 30 originals), it was found in 1947 during war crimes trials in Berlin, Germany in a folder labeled “Final Solution to the Jewish question.”

1. **What does “the final solution to the Jewish question” mean in the context of this document? Explain.**
2. **How does Reinhard Heydrich summarize what had been the main policy towards Jews up to October 1941? [3-5]**
* What does “disadvantages of such forced emigration methods” refer to?
* How has this “forced emigration” been financed & what are the reported results of this policy?
1. **What does the phrase “emigration has now been replaced by evacuation to the East” mean in the broader context of the war? [5-10]**
* What is the significance/meaning of the following:
1. “The influence that Jews exert everywhere in the USSR is well known.” [7]
2. “in the process a large number of them will undoubtedly drop out by way of natural attrition.” [7]
3. “Those who ultimately should possibly get by will have to be given suitable treatment.” [8]
4. “Europe will be combed through from West to East.” [8]
5. **What does Dr. Buhler say regarding the “final solution” in the General Government? Why is this significant? [14-15]**

[***Conspiracy***](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsn1x9ekEeE) **(2001): Viewing Guide**

On January 20, 1942, with the tide of war turning in favor of the Allies, a small group of SS officers, government ministers, and Nazi officials met near Berlin to decide the fate of Europe's Jews. Based on the only surviving record of that meeting, *Conspiracy* is a powerful combination of historical reconstruction and speculation that attempts to offer new insights into a pivotal moment in history.

The cast does a marvelous job of fleshing out the documentary evidence to create convincing characters. Kenneth Branagh is especially chilling as SS Chief of Security Reinhard Heydrich, who uses a combination of charm and ruthless power-mongering to gain support for his plans. Colin Firth is fascinating as Wilhelm Stuckart, a lawyer who sees the brutal tactics of the SS as a threat to his own intellectualized anti-Semitism, and Stanley Tucci gives a wonderfully understated performance as Adolf Eichmann. [from Amazon.com]

**Ch. 1 Prologue** [2:02 min.]

* Two hours that would change the world?
* Only one record survives?

**Ch. 5 Matter at hand** [5:45 min.]

* Emigration policy (even America)?
* Acquiring Poland & conquering USSR?
* Ghettoes are full?
* “This is our mandate”
* “Emigration is over”

**Ch. 6 “This meeting is not taking place”** [4:51 min.]

* Evacuation to the East?
* Counting Jews in Europe (how many)?
* Problems with defining Jews non-racially?

**Ch. 14 A Triumphant German Vision** [3:44 min.]

* Mobile gas vans 🡪 permanent installations (where)?
* 2,500 per hour?
* “means of disposal”?
* “The machinery is waiting, feed it”?