

KLASSENARBEIT: "DAS BOOT"

PART I: 36 points

Fill in the blanks with the correct words / phrases. If you need help, you may refer to the attached word bank. Please note that there are more words and phrases in the word bank than you will need.

"*Das Boot*" is based on a novel written by _____. One of
the most expensive German movies ever made, the movie stars the German
actor _____ as the commander of the U-96, one of the famed
German U-Boats known as the "gray wolves." The movie is set in the fall and winter of
1941, after what the Germans often referred to as _____.
Germany's vaunted U-Boat fleet is beginning to suffer major setbacks. Three of
Germany's most celebrated U-Boat aces (among them _____)
have been either killed or captured. British freighters are now sailing the Atlantic with
stronger and more effective destroyer escorts, and they are inflicting heavy losses on the
U-Boats. The battle for the control of the Atlantic is turning against the Germans.

The U-96 was a Type VIIC submarine with a crew of approximately _____ men.
The submarine was based in _____, on the coast of
_____. One of the opening scenes of the movie, and one of the closing
scenes take place in _____, a huge, protected submarine base.
Covered with layers of concrete up to 24 feet thick, these protected bases were virtually
bomb-proof.

Life aboard a U-Boat was not for the faint-hearted. It was cramped, tough and dirty.
Crewmen learned to live and work efficiently in confined spaces. Every man had his
working space, and when the boat was submerged, sailors were careful to avoid



uncontrolled movement so as to preserve the submarine's balance - known as the

_____.
9.

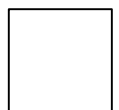
Submarines ran under two types of power: The _____ engines
10.
powered the U-Boat while on the surface, and the _____ engines
11.
were used while submerged.

When the U-96 left its base on patrol, it was loaded with _____, a
12.
submarine's main weapon. When a submarine was on patrol, the sight most eagerly
desired by a U-Boat's lookout was a convoy. Here was the chance of sinking the biggest
number of ships and their vital war cargoes (food, oil, fuel, weapons and ammunition) on
which the Allies depended for victory.

Conscious that the ships that they sank were manned by sailors who faced the same
dangers as they did, submarine crews at the beginning of WWII rendered aid whenever
possible. By the time the U-96 was out on patrol, helping survivors of submarine attacks
was no longer allowed. After an incident in which a German submarine was attacked
while on a rescue mission, Admiral _____, Commander of
13.
the German Navy's submarine fleet, issued strict orders against helping survivors.

Convoys were protected by warships. If an attacking U-Boat was spotted by a warship,
the submarine would crash-dive by flooding its _____ with sea
14.
water. The warships hunted submerged submarines using _____.
15.
Once located, a warship could attack a submarine with a _____,
16.
a bomb which could be set to detonate at different depths.

Of the _____ German sailors who served on submarines during the World
17.
War II, _____ never returned.
18.



PART II: 8 points

On the attached map, please locate the following places that figured into the plot of "Das Boot." Write the number of each location here, in the space provided. Do not write anything on the map itself:

France _____

Germany _____

Spain _____

Strait of Gibraltar _____

PART III: 10 points

Answer the following questions briefly.

1. Germany conquered Norway and France in 1940. What advantage did this give the Germans in the submarine war, the "Battle for the Atlantic"? (6 points)

2. The commander of the U-96 in the movie *Das Boot* planned to approach the Strait of Gibraltar at night and on the surface. This was also a common plan of attack. Why? What advantages would that give the submarine? (4 points)

#1:

#2:

PART IV: 40 POINTS Identify as many of the following words and phrases as possible. Some of the words & phrases listed are from your blue vocabulary sheet; the rest were taken from the complete list of “Das Boot” vocabulary given at the web-site. Scores from this section will be recorded separately under “Vocabulary” and will not count toward the test score you will see on the first page when you get this paper back. You will earn points on this section according to the following scale:

12	78%
13	80%
14	81%
15	83%
16	85%

17	86%
18	88%
19	89%
20	90%
21	91%

22	93%
23	94%
24	95%
25	96%
26	98%

27	99%
28	100%
29	.5 xc
30	1 xc
31	1.5 xc

32	2 xc
33	2.5 xc
34	3 xc
35	3.5 xc
36	4 xc

Note: Only standard definitions discussed in class will be accepted as correct answers!

unser Boot _____

Gast am Bord _____

Fluten! _____

Tauchen! _____

Auftauchen! _____

Geleitzug _____

Frachter _____

Zerstörer _____

Luftwasserbomben _____

ein Sani-Kasten _____

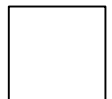
April, April! _____

Das Geistige kommt hier zu kurz. _____

Verfluchtes Sauwetter. _____

Komisch... seit Jahren keinen Schnee mehr gesehen.... _____

Kein Schiff ist so seetüchtig wie Unseres. _____



Es wird klappen, Herr Kaleun. Ganz sicher. _____

Wir saufen ab! _____

Drehen Sie nicht durch! _____

Ab in die Falle _____

Wir platzen vor Neugier! _____

Schlechte Nachrichten _____

Alles was drin ist, L.I.! Alles was drin ist! _____

Das Boot ist nicht zu halten! _____

Ein Schaufel Sand. _____

Ohne die Batterien ist alles aus. _____

Das Wasser muss 'raus! _____

Es könnte klappen! _____

Alles auf einer Karte. _____

Wasserbrüche gestoppt! _____

Wir haben nur einen Versuch. _____

Sauerstoff _____

Reicht der Sauerstoff? _____

Es musste schiefgehen. _____

Wir hatten keine Chance, durchzukommen. _____

Keine Hoffnung mehr? _____

Gute Leute muss man eben haben.... gute Leute! _____



Part V: Complete the following questions with information from your findings on the Internet.

1. In what year was “Das Boot” originally made? _____
2. Who directed “Das Boot?” _____
3. Name one other movie that was directed by the same man. _____
4. What character in the movie is based on Lothar-Günther Buchheim? _____

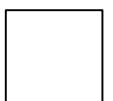


Extra Credit Questions from extra info you may have run across on your Internet Explorations. You will not lose credit for incorrect answers.

1. *Das Boot* was nominated for _____ Academy Awards.
2. The version of *Das Boot* that played in American movie theaters was in *English*
 German with English subtitles
3. Who was Heinrich Lehmann-Willenbrock?

4. The real U-96 sank a total of _____ ships.
5. Name at least one other movie in which Jürgen Prochnow has had a role:

6. Herbert Grönemeyer, who played the role of Leutnant Werner, is best known in Germany as a _____.



WORD BANK

Hermann Göring	50
Lothar-Günther Buchheim	100
Herbert Grönemeyer	30,000
Karl Dönitz	40,000
Wolfgang Peterson	80,000
Jürgen Prochnow	100,000
Günther Prien	
an armored pen	electric
a hydroplane	hydro-mechanical
an offshore barracks	diesel
trim	ballast tanks
conning tower	pressure hull
depth-charge	ASDIC
depth-charges	heat-seeking missiles
torpedoes	Allied
Vigo	Germany
Berlin	France
Paris	Norway
La Rochelle	Spain
the "Open Season"	the "Happy Time"

Essays will receive a letter grade: A+

A
B
C
D
F

What defines an A+ essay?

- Well organized, cohesive writing. Essay is written in paragraph form with the basic framework of introduction, body of supporting statements, conclusion. Spelling and grammar are accurate.
- Writer is able to support his/her conclusions by tying together specific examples from the movie with supplemental material gleaned from class notes & handouts, historical fact, etc.
- Writer deals not only with the surface level story line, but also with the deeper, more universal message of the movie.