



DAS BOOT

DAY

#2

MATERIALS

NEEDED: Video (*Beginning Segment: 20 minutes*)
Transparency: Opening Frames of the movie (*see attached hard copy*)
Student Handout: Pre-Viewing Questions from Day #1
Student Handout: Introductory Handout (*see attached*)

Also distribute to students today:

- ➔ DAS BOOT Netkarte (*Internet Exploration Exercise*)
- ➔ Student Reflections handout

INTRO TO THE FILM

Quoted from the novel of the same title:

"This book is a novel but not a work of fiction. The author witnessed all the events reported in it; they are the sum of his experiences aboard U-boats. Nevertheless, the description of the characters who take part are not portraits of real persons living or dead. The operations that form the subject of the book took place primarily in the fall and winter of 1941."

***Discuss Questions #11 & #16**

INTRODUCTION TO MAIN CHARACTERS & SEGMENT #1

1. Student Handout ➔ "Das Boot: Day #2" (*see attached*)
 - A. The crew of the U-96 is stationed in La Rochelle, France. What advantage did this give the Germans in the Battle for the Atlantic? (***Question #2**)
 - B. At the bar, the crew is celebrating their departure. The atmosphere in the bar is wild abandon, with an air of desperation why?
 - i. Display transparency of opening frames of the movie "*....30,000 never returned*" and discuss the effect that knowledge would have on you as you prepared to leave on a mission
 - C. Many of the main characters will be introduced in the bar and at the u-boat pen later on:
 - i. Go through the list of characters

- D. At the submarine pens/bays
- i. What is an armored submarine pen? (***Question #9**)
 - ii. Tell students to listen for and check off all phrases and words that have circles in front of them

*If time following the video segment,
discuss which phrases they heard and what they mean.*



Das Boot

Day #2

1. **Setting:** La Rochelle, France in 1941
 - A. Bar Scene - Getting Ready to Ship Out

2. **Main Characters:**

The Commander (*Jürgen Prochnow*) - a veteran U-Boot captain who by now takes a realistic view of the war. He is often addressed as *Herr Kaleun*, the standard naval abbreviation of his full title, *Herr Kapitänleutnant*.

"Sie werden auch noch ruhiger."

Chief Engineer - primarily referred to as "*L.I.*" (*Leutnant Ingeniuer*). Also a veteran of numerous submarine missions, he counts among the older of the men on crew. He is originally from Köln and is married.

Eins Führung - (*Number One*) a gung-ho Nazi-type

"Das Boot ist klar zum Auslaufen."

Leutnant Werner - (*Herbert Grönemeyer*) a war correspondent who has been assigned to accompany the crew on this mission

Johann - the chief mechanic and the man who makes sure that the diesel engines run properly. He is also referred to as "*das Gespenst*" (the phantom).

3. **At the submarine bays or pens**

Listen for the following phrases from today's movie segment:

- Unser Boot!*
- seeklar*
- Na, Männer? Alles klar?*
- Sie sind ja Gast am Bord.*
- Hier ist Johann, das Gespenst!*
- April! April! Übung ist das halbe Leben!*
- Probealarm!*