**Woman in Gold**

1. Randy Schoenberg (played by Ryan Reynolds) has an impressive family history. His grandfather was a famous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his father is a well-respected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Maria Altman (played by Helen Mirren) is seeking to recover a portrait of her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ painted by the famous artist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. When Randy gets approval from his law firm to go to Vienna to investigate the painting, Maria refuses to ever step foot in Austria. Why might she have felt so strongly about returning?

1. How did the painting end up leaving the Bloch-Bauer home?

1. At Maria’s wedding reception, what do Gustav and Ferdinand Bloch-Bauer (Maria’s father and uncle) argue about?

1. As they are about to enter the art gallery housing her aunt’s portrait, the following exchange occurs:

Randy: “It’s hard to believe that Hitler applied to be an art student here.” Maria: “I wish they had accepted him.”

What is the subtext to Maria’s statement? What is she really saying?

1. Maria and husband Fritz escape from Austria by giving their guard the slip and boarding a plane out of the country. What happened to her parents?

1. Why might the government of Austria be reluctant to return possession of the painting to Maria Altman?

1. Do you believe art work taken by the Nazis so long ago should be returned to the original owners now? Explain your answer.

**Woman in Gold – Answer Key**

1. Randy Schoenberg (played by Ryan Reynolds) has an impressive family history. His grandfather was a famous Composer and his father is a well-respected Judge (2 marks)

1. Maria Altman (played by Helen Mirren) is seeking to recover a portrait of her aunt painted by the famous artist Klimpt (2 marks)

1. When Randy gets approval from his law firm to go to Vienna to investigate the painting, Maria refuses to ever step foot in Austria. Why might she have felt so strongly about returning? (3 marks)

* + Answers will vary, but generally: bad memories, anger at treatment by government and citizens

1. How did the painting end up leaving the Bloch-Bauer home? (1 mark) - Stolen by Nazi soldiers

1. At Maria’s wedding reception, what do Gustav and Ferdinand Bloch-Bauer (Maria’s father and uncle) argue about? (1 mark)
   * Leaving Austria asap

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What is the subtext to Maria’s statement? What is she really saying? (2 marks)

* + It might have been a very different world if Hitler had focused his energies and ambitions into his art.

1. Maria and husband Fritz escape from Austria by giving their guard the slip and boarding a plane out of the country. What happened to her parents? (2 marks)
   * Parents stayed behind, father died (telegram from sister after Maria and Fritz flee Austria)

1. Why might the government of Austria be reluctant to return possession of the painting to Maria

Altman? (2 marks)

* + Icon of the country, value ($100 million +)

1. Do you believe art work taken by the Nazis so long ago should be returned to the original owners now? Explain your answer. (5 marks)
   * Answers will vary. - Explanation = 2 marks
   * Yes/No = 1 mark - Use of specific details = 2 marks