

## Group instructions

Read and analyse the text following the instructions:

- determine the type and character of the source (author, speaker, document)
- determine the circumstances in which the source was created (where/when)
- determine who this document is addressed to (in appropriate cases)
- think about what the document says about "the Final Solution"
- think about the source meaning and value of the analysed text and indicate its connections with the remaining texts

### Text I

21<sup>st</sup> September 1939, Berlin – Telephonogram from the chief of the Reich Main Security Office R. Heydrich to commanders of the Security Police Task Forces informing about successive stages and methods of "Final Solution to the Jewish Question". The Polish version of the text is available in *The Extermination of Jews on Polish Territory during the Hitlerite Occupation, A Collection of Documents*, ed. T. Bernstein, A. Eisenbach, A. Rutkowski, ŻIH, Warszawa 1957, pp. 25-9.

### Text II

31<sup>st</sup> July 1941, Berlin – H. Göring's order to the chief of the Reich Main Security Office R. Heydrich to devise a general plan of "Final Solution to the Jewish Question". The Polish version of the text is available in *The Extermination of Jews on Polish Territory during the Hitlerite Occupation, A Collection of Documents*, ed. T. Bernstein, A. Eisenbach, A. Rutkowski, ŻIH, Warszawa 1957, p. 261.

### Text III

Summer 1941, Berlin – Himmler's order to Rudolf Hoess, the commandant of Auschwitz concentration camp, about the intended use of the Auschwitz concentration camp to "finally solve the Jewish question". The Polish version of the text is available in R. Hoess, *Confessions of extermination of Jews in Auschwitz concentration camp written down during the investigation in the Cracow prison in 1946* in "Main Commission for Nazi Crimes Investigation in Poland Bulletin" volume VII, 1951, p. 223.

### Text IV

16<sup>th</sup> December 1941 Cracow – From a speech by Gov. Gen. H. Frank delivered at the General Government cabinet session on the decision to embark on the mass murder of the whole population of Jews. The Polish version of the text is available in *The Extermination of Jews on Polish Territory during the Hitlerite Occupation, A Collection of Documents*, ed. T. Bernstein, A. Eisenbach, A. Rutkowski, ŻIH, Warszawa 1957, p. 267.

### Text V

20<sup>th</sup> January 1942, Berlin – Warsaw. Protocol of the conference held at the Reich Main Security Office organised to discuss the planned murder of the European Jews. The Polish version of the text is available in *The Extermination of Jews on Polish Territory during the Hitlerite Occupation, A Collection of Documents*, ed. T. Bernstein, A. Eisenbach, A. Rutkowski, ŻIH, Warszawa 1957, pp. 273-6.

### Text VI

19<sup>th</sup> July 1942, Lublin – Himmler's order to Kruger, Higher SS and Police Leader of the General Government, formally establishing the final date for "cleansing" the General Government of the Jews. The Polish version of the text is available in *The Extermination of Jews on Polish Territory during the Hitlerite Occupation, A Collection of Documents*, ed. T. Bernstein, A. Eisenbach, A. Rutkowski, ŻIH, Warszawa 1957, p. 296.

