



La Historia Oficial

Section A: Pre-viewing activities:

You are about to watch a fictional film which is based on very real events that happened in Argentina during a time period when a military action called the "Dirty War" took place. During this period, dictators ruled Argentina, in part because of a strong base of support within the Argentine military as well as support from other nations.

Read about the Dirty War at this [link](#) and then answer the following questions.

1. How do you say "the disappeared" in Spanish? _____
2. Against what groups did the government military forces ostensibly fight?
 - a. Right-wing sympathizers
 - b. Argentine soldiers
 - c. Left-wing terrorists
3. According to this link, did innocent people die? _____ Why or why not?

4. The title of the film you are going to see is La Historia Oficial. Before you watch the film, briefly write down what you guess the film's title might refer to. Remember that historia in Spanish means both story and history.

This is a [list](#) of people who disappeared during the Dirty War.

5. What two years did the greatest number of people disappear? _____
6. Were the people who disappeared mostly men, mostly women or both men and women? _____

Go to this [site](#), which includes photos, and answer the following questions.

7. Were the people who were disappeared for the most part over or under the age of 30? Note: you can click on the photos to get information about each person (you don't need to click on all of them, but you may want to try the first few lines of photos).
