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## Answer Key – Introduction to Resistance

### Discussion Questions:

**1. What types of resistance were discussed?**

A: spiritual and cultural resistance, armed resistance in ghettos and concentration camps

**2. What does the term “resistance” mean to you? Did your understanding of that term differ after reading through the articles on USHMM?**

A: Answers will vary

**3. What challenges did Jewish people face when trying to organize armed resistance?**

A: Access to weapons, fear of dying, fear of repercussions against themselves and their families, lack of manpower/training

**4. What were some of the hardships that the Partisans faced?**

A: Minimal support, antisemitic hostility from surrounding populations, lack of weapons/manpower/training, lack of shelter/stability

**5. What is the importance of spiritual resistance?**

A: Continuance of Jewish traditions and holidays, way to look towards the future and next generation to maintain hope, provided comfort and hope for people, reaffirmed cultural and spiritual identity, sustained morale