**Movie Worksheet: Argo**

**(Students are to answer questions on a separate sheet of paper)  Students are to answer the following questions from the movie *Argo*.  Each response should be several complete sentences in length.  Students are to have this worksheet completed and then turned in after the class has both finished watching the movie & discussed the questions.**

**Scene Questions**

1. Explain the brief History of Persia (Iran) prior to the Revolution of 1979.
   * 1. Explain British & US involvement in Iran prior to the Revolution.
     2. What was life lick under the last Shah of Iran?
     3. What were the effects of the westernization of Iran?
     4. What were the effects of the Iranian revolution?
2. Describe the opening scene in Tehran outside the US Embassy. What is happening during the rally/protests?
3. How did the US Embassy & the US military respond to the breach of their security by the mob?  What orders were US Troops given in the event of a breach?
4. What happened to US Embassy officials & security who were captured by the mob?
5. Why couldn’t the US turn the Shah back over to the Iranians?
6. Describe the CIA plan to get the 6 American officials out of Iran.
   * 1. What are the obstacles to them escaping?
     2. How did the plan to get the 6 American officials out of Iran change?
     3. Describe the new plan & its challenges.
7. What did the American officials do while they were in hiding?  How did they pass the time?
8. What challenges face the operation once Tony Mendez is in Tehran?  What challenges do the American officials faces in their struggle to get out of Iran?

**General Questions**

1. Does the movie accurately portray the 1979 Iranian Revolution & the early period of the Hostage Crisis (1979–1980)?
2. The Iranian Revolution supposedly replaced one repressive regime for another.  Is this an accurate assessment of the period?
3. Describe any real life image portrayed in the movie.  Provide any real footage from tv shown in the movie.
4. Describe the city of Tehran set in the film.  Does the film capture both the physical nature of Tehran & the atmosphere during the Revolution?
5. According to the movie, how did ordinary Americans react to the Iranian Revolution & the Hostage Crisis?