

## HANDOUT 3.3 C - LISTENING AND WRITING ACTIVITY

### Rose Blanche

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Directions: You are going to listen to a story called *Rose Blanche*. Then you will answer some questions about this story. You will listen to the story twice. As you listen to the story, you may use the space below for your notes. You may use these notes to answer the questions that follow.

Note: The title, *Rose Blanche*, can be translated into the “White Rose”. The White Rose was an underground resistance group of young Germans who dared to speak up for freedom.

1. The story takes place in Germany during World War II. The author never mentioned the war by name, yet as readers we know that this is the setting. How do we know this? Using the narration and illustrations, find events in the story which help tell us that this is WWII. Then explain their historical connection to WWII.

2. *Rose Blanche* says, “Sometimes it seems things haven’t really changed,” yet as readers we know that Rose’s world is changing. Explain how we know that the war is affecting Rose’s life. Use details from the story in your answer.
3. Pick up the story where Rose’s life ended. With your background knowledge on this time period in history, tell what happened to Germany from then until now. Use specific events in history.