**Analysing a scene for Historical Context**

affrontare *to encounter*

la marcia *march*

commovente *poignant*

sottolineare *to emphasise, highlight*



 **‘Vietato l’ingresso ai ragni e i Visigoti’**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Qoq1X4nWYE>

The scene opens with the German soldiers in the foreground. The camera follows them and we hear the rhythm of their march until they exit the frame. Then, there is a zoom on Giosuè underneath the notice ‘Entry forbidden to Jews and Dogs’. The audience sees this from the point of view of Guido, who reads the sign while Giosuè remains unaware.

**Osservazioni sul contesto storico**

**It is important to note that this is the first time that Giosuè encounters discrimination.**

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**The juxtaposition of innocence and evil is both powerful and poignant.**

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**Giosuè’s incomprehension emphasises the sense of threat and evil; ‘why can dogs and Jews not enter?’**

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**Guido tries to protect his son from the reality by inventing\* an explanation and joking: ‘Entry forbidden to spiders and Visigoths’.**

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**\*N.B.** to say ‘by doing’ something, you can use the gerund form.

ARE verbs 🡪 -ando *parlando*

ERE verbs 🡪 -endo *scrivendo*

E.g. ‘by speaking, they resolved the problem’

*Parlando, hanno risolto il problema*

 **Tocca a voi!**

***Analizzate le seguenti scene del film, prendendo in considerazione:***

* La presenza del contesto storico
* L’uso della musica o del suono
* L’uso delle immagini
* L’uso della comicità/ la tragedia
1. Guido portato via dai funzionari
2. Festa di compleanno di Giosuè

**Essay question:**

***In che modo la prima parte del film (fino alla partenza per il lager) introduce il contesto storico per la seconda parte?***

***N.B.***

***Youtube links to some key scenes you may wish to explore:***

***Manifesto della razza (a scuola)*** [***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoKREKNkJvo***](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoKREKNkJvo)

***Cavallo ebreo*** [***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuk00EHg5SY***](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iuk00EHg5SY)

***Problema di matematica*** [***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KIBVCNPsaw***](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KIBVCNPsaw)

***Vietato l’ingresso ai ragni e ai visigoti*** [***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Qoq1X4nWYE***](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Qoq1X4nWYE)