

5.2 RECOGNIZING REVISIONIST ARGUMENTS

Several individuals and groups have made efforts to revise the history of the Third Reich, distancing themselves from the known atrocities of the Holocaust using various arguments, including the argument that the Holocaust never happened. The reasons for making revisionist arguments are usually related to a personal or political agenda. Frequently the form of the arguments can take the guise of well-researched scholarship at the same time as it consists of claims, and purported facts and figures that have little or no basis in truth.

5.2.1 Oma takes a revisionist stance. Explain what dimensions of her arguments are a revision of history, aside from the most obvious which is the denial of the Holocaust.

5.2.2 Identify 2-3 other instances in the story in which others take a revisionist stance. What are their motivations?