

## Background to El espíritu de la colmena

1. What is a Civil War?

It's a war between people who live in the same country.

2. How long did the Civil War last in Spain?

About 3 years

3. How many people were killed during the Spanish Civil War?

About 300.000

4. What kind of other bad things happened to people during the Spanish Civil War?

People got split up from their families and friends. They fell out with their families and friends. Some people got tortured.

5. What happened at Guernica?

A whole town got bombed and people died.

6. What is a dictator?

A person who tells people what to do. A dictator isn't a nice person, like Hitler.

7. What was the name of the dictator who ruled Spain from 1939-1975?

He was called Franco

8. With this background in mind, what type of film do you think you are going to be watching over the next few lessons?

A film about the civil war. It will probably be sad and lots of blood and violence.