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THE COST OF SILENCE

Directions: This entire assignment must be completed in silence. It is best to use two different colored writing utensils (pen and pencil or blue and black pen).

- 1) Write anything that comes to mind when you think of the following word:

SILENCE

- 2) Write anything that comes to mind when you think of the following word:

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- 3) Consider this scenario: you and your children live next door to a Jewish family. You are friends with them on neighborly terms. Recently, the Nazis have been rounding up Jewish citizens to send to the camps, and one day you realize your neighbors are gone. A few days go by, and you learn they are hiding in your barn, even though you did not give them permission to do so. You must make a decision on what to do. What are the factors of your decision? In other words, what must you consider? (NOTE: You are not actually making the decision here.)

- 4) Read the following quotation by Martin Niemöller:

*First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out--
Because I was not a Socialist.*

*Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out--
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out--
Because I was not a Jew.*

Then they came for me--and there was no one left to speak for me.

What is his point? Circle the textual evidence that leads you to this conclusion.

How do you think he would have answer question 3)?

What is the purpose and effect of his use of parallelism?