



# QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

**A resource to be used alongside Tanenbaum's *Combating Extremism* videos featuring Arno Michaelis.**

## **Arno: A Transformation Story**

1. What are some of the reasons Arno says he joined a white supremacy group?
2. What is the name of the group Arno joined? Did you know about it before?
  - a. What do they believe?
  - b. Are there other groups that are similar?
3. What are some reasons Arno says he left the white supremacy movement?
4. Have you ever participated in a group where you wanted to disengage but you felt you couldn't? What made you feel pressured to stay? How could you have responded differently?
5. What does Arno do to combat hatred and extremism? Name 2 actions you can take.

## **Why Scrutinizing Information Matters**

1. What are the three questions Arno says to ask yourself when analyzing the validity of information?
  - a. Find three news headlines and stories and test his questions out.
  - b. How were the questions useful? How weren't they effective?
  - c. What other questions should we ask ourselves?
2. How does Arno define *cognitive dissonance*?
3. Describe a viewpoint that is different from yours.
  - a. How did you learn about it? From other people? The news? Elsewhere?
  - b. Are these sources credible? How do you know?