

World War II: Memories of the Holocaust

What you will do

- Investigate the Holocaust through a study of primary sources and photographs available on the Internet.
- Assemble a memory book on the Holocaust and provide personal commentary.

What you will need

Web Sites:

Note: some links direct you to external web sites. These sites and their content are not controlled by SAS.

History Place Holocaust Timeline

(<http://www.historyplace.com/worldwar2/holocaust/timeline.html>)

Provides a timeline of the Holocaust experience from 1933 to 1961 with links to photos and relevant documents.

The Holocaust Resource Center

(http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/holocaust/resource_center/index.asp)

Includes photos, maps, exhibits, and other information from Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial.

USC Shoah Foundation Institute (<http://sfi.usc.edu/about/survivingauschwitz/index.php>)

Examines the Holocaust through survivor accounts and student resources

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (<https://www.ushmm.org/learn>)

Includes searchable archives of documents and photos and various online exhibits.

Fortunoff Video Archive (<https://web.library.yale.edu/testimonies/excerpts/index.html>)

Includes excerpts from video testimonies of witnesses and survivors.

Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site (<http://www.kz-gedenkstaette-dachau.de/index-e.html>)

Offers an overview of the history of the concentration camp with text, pictures and maps.

KZ Mauthausen-GUSEN Info-Pages (<http://www.gusen.org/>)

Covers all aspects of existence at a particular extermination camp complex in Austria.

How you will do it

1. Explore the suggested Internet sources to establish a broad understanding of the history of the Holocaust. Take brief notes as you research. Begin with the History Place Holocaust Timeline (<http://www.historyplace.com/worldwar2/holocaust/timeline.html>), which provides a detailed overview of the Holocaust with links to specific photos and documents.
2. Decide how you wish to present your research and commentary. Options can include a personal web page devoted to the topic, a scrapbook, a picturebook or photo essay, a poster, or an exhibit of some sort. The final product is not intended to be a standard report that would explain the topic objectively, but a personal reaction to or commentary on the Holocaust supported by primary source materials and

researched information.

3. Gather specific materials to include in your "Memories of the Holocaust." Be sure to document your sources. The materials used should consist of quotations, photos, drawings, poems, and possibly even statistics, but not just facts and chronologies.
4. Organize your material in a manner that gives an overview of the Holocaust and also allows for personal commentary and responses.
5. Share your personal response to your study of the Holocaust by presenting your project to the class. Be sure to read aloud some of the primary source material that you included in your "Memories of the Holocaust." Submit your work and a bibliography.

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