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**The Holocaust**

## **As a Young Historian, I will be able to...**

- **Identify the roots of Nazi persecution of the Jews.**
- **Describe how the Nazis carried out a program of genocide.**
- **Describe the various acts of Jewish resistance.**
- **Summarize the response of the Allies to the Holocaust.**

# Nazi Campaign Against the Jews

**The Nuremberg Laws of 1935 put Nazi ideology into practice**

**Removed citizenship, banned marriage, & escalated violence against them**




**Kristallnacht-** “Night of Broken Glass” violence against Jewish communities

**Concentration Camps-** Detention centers for civilians who were considered enemies of the state.

# Concentration Camps

**Jews, communists, & other “deplorables” were sent to the camps through out Germany**

**People in the camps were forced laborers who had to produce weapons & goods for German war**



**In some camps, Nazi doctors conducted medical experiments on prisoners to test treatments for the axis powers..**



**... or experiments to test Nazi racial ideas such as eye color or twin studies**

# Final Solution

**Jews were located in ghettos, but soon the final solution was devised.**

**The Holocaust-** The Final Solution to exterminate all European Jews



**Soon killing units would follow Nazi soldiers to murder over a million Jews in Europe**

**Hitler then created six “death camps” to ship Jews to for extermination**

**Crematoriums-** buildings where bodies were burned to remove evidence

# Jewish Resistance

**In 1942 the Warsaw Jewish ghetto revolted for a month against the Germans**

**Partisans-** Jewish guerilla soldiers that fought against the Nazis in Europe

**Auschwitz-** The largest Nazi death camp, had a gas chamber destroyed by some Jews

**Many individuals would try to hide many Jewish families, such as Anne Frank & her family**



# Allied Response

**Most of the world struggled with Jewish refugees, & would limit entry**

**Allied forces were slow to respond to the camps, in disbelief that they existed**



**The decision was “win the war as fast as possible to save the Jews”**

**Roosevelt creates the [War Refugee Board](#) to rescue Jews out of Europe**

# Impact

**Towards the end of the war, allied forces began liberating the camps**

**As many as 10,000 prisoners died after liberation due to malnutrition**

**By 1945 6 million Jews were killed in the Holocaust, showing the horrors of racism**

**Eventually the nation of Israel was created for Holocaust survivors**

