

LESSON: Holocaust Narrative through Historical Photos

Photo Themes

THEMES REPRESENTED IN THE IMAGES

Historical Context

- Historical antisemitism
- World War I
- Treaty of Versailles
- Weimar Republic
- Jewish life in Europe before the Holocaust

1933-1939

- Nazi rise to power
- Legitimation of power
- Early stages of persecution
- Propaganda
- Decrees and laws
- Eugenics and pseudo-science
- Persecution intensifies
- Challenges of emigration
- Kristallnacht

1939-1945

- Start of World War II
- Murder of people with disabilities (“Euthanasia” Program)
- deportations
- Ghettos
- Mobile Killing Squads (Einsatzgruppen)
- Expansion of the concentration camp system
- Forced labor
- Rail system
- Killing Centers
- Additional victims of Nazi persecution
- Jewish armed resistance
- Jewish cultural resistance
- Non-Jewish resistance
- Rescue
- United States
- Forced Marches
- Liberation

Post-1945

- Evidence of murder
- Post-war trials
- Post-war antisemitism
- Displaced persons camps
- Emigration