Conformity Module
Background and Additional Information

More about the Holocaust
Watch The Path to Nazi Genocide (38 minutes)
Read Introduction to the Holocaust
Explore the Holocaust Encyclopedia

More about Some Were Neighbors: Collaboration and Complicity in the Holocaust
Some Were Neighbors online exhibition
Background article by Susan Bachrach, Exhibition Curator

Background on Bronia and Gerhard film
Holocaust Encyclopedia article: Nuremberg Race Laws: Background
- Sixteen-year-old Bronia was an ethnic Pole serving as a forced laborer in German-occupied Poland.
- Nineteen-year-old Gerhard Greschok was an ethnic German field hand working on the same farm.
- After their forbidden “interracial” romance was discovered, local townspeople subjected them to public humiliation shown in this film.
- As punishment, Gerhard was sent to the Soviet front, and Bronia to a concentration camp.
- Bronia’s fate is unknown. Her family never saw her again.
- Gerhard returned from the front wounded and died in 1945 at the age of 23.
- The silent film footage was discovered in an attic in Sturov, Slovakia in 1946. It is unknown who took the film footage.
- A Polish documentary called “Forbidden Love: The Story of Bronia and Gerhard” was made about this story and incorporated archival film footage. The film was directed and written by Marek Pawlowski in 2002.

Background on Kristallnacht
Holocaust Encyclopedia article: Kristallnacht: A Nationwide Pogrom, November 9-10, 1938

Background on Deportations
Holocaust Encyclopedia article: Deportations to Killing Centers

Background on Holocaust Survivor Testimony
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