

The Holocaust: A Web Quest

All of the questions below start at the Table of Contents page of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's education outreach page. You can reach the necessary information by going to the following link:

<http://www.ushmm.org/outreach/tc.htm>

Nazi Rule: Hitler Comes to Power

1) What was the name of the weak government of Germany created after World War I?

2) To which levels or members of German society did the Nazi Party of Adolph Hitler appeal?

The Nazi Terror Begins

3) The USHMM website states that tens of thousands of young, unemployed German men were "lured by the wages, a feeling of comradeship, and the striking uniforms," to join which organization within the Nazi Party? Give both the English and German terms.

4) What did these "auxiliary policemen" do to those who opposed the Nazi regime?

The SS Police State

5) What was the name of the Protective Squad that began as a special guard for Adolph Hitler and other party leaders? Describe their role in the affairs of the Nazi Party.

Nazi Racism

6) What was Hitler's term for the "master race?" Describe this type of person.

7) Other than Jews, what types of German citizens were victims of Nazi racial ideology?

Anti-Semitism

8) Define **anti-Semitism**. How far does it go back? What does the term **pogrom** mean? In what other nations were Jews treated as scapegoats?

The Jews in Germany

9) How many Jews lived in Germany at the time of the 1933 census? How many of these Jews were German citizens? How were the remaining German Jews classified?

The Nuremberg Laws

10) How did the Nuremberg Laws of 1935 classify people in Germany as Jewish (by what standard did the government judge if a person was Jewish)?

11) How did the Nazi government identify Jews within the society of Germans in general? See this artifact for a visual of the answer: <http://www.ushmm.org/outreach/03098.htm>.

12) View the artifact found at this link: <http://www.ushmm.org/outreach/90256-1.htm>. Describe the artifact. What does it say?

Boycott of Jewish Businesses

13) How did the Storm Troopers carry out the boycott of Jewish businesses on April 1, 1933? Even though the boycott was not very successful, tell why it was important.

German Occupied Europe

14) Which European nation was treated the harshest under German rule? Give two examples of the type of rule Germany placed on that nation. Which nation was treated the easiest?

The Night of Broken Glass

15) Tell what happened on the night of November 9, 1938. What is the German name for this event? What caused the violence?

The Evian Conference

16) Who called the Evian Conference? When was it called and for what purpose did it meet?

17) List one reason why efforts to allow more refugees into the US failed before World War II.

18) Looking at the map *Jewish Emigration from Germany: 1933* (<http://www.ushmm.org/outreach/wor79170.htm>), which country accepted the most Jews during this period? How many Jews escaped to Palestine? To Shanghai?

The Final Solution

19) What was the goal of the "final solution?" What is the definition of the term genocide?"

20) Describe the two major stages of the Nazi plan to carry out the "final solution." How many Jews were gassed in extermination camps?

21) What were the *einsatzgruppen*? What methods did they use most often to carry out their activities? In what nation did they operate?

Ghettos

22) In what city was the largest of the Jewish "residential quarters" found? How many ghettos existed in all of the occupied territories?

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

23) Describe the events of April 19, 1943 in the Warsaw Ghetto. How did the uprising come to an end? What happened to the Jews of the Warsaw ghetto?

The Wannsee Conference

24) What was the purpose of the Wannsee Conference?

Auschwitz

25) How many people died at Auschwitz? What percentage of them were Jewish?

26) What was the goal of some of the medical experiments carried out by SS doctor Josef Mengele?

Killing Centers

27) What was the most common methods that Nazis committed mass murder at the killing centers?

28) Use this map (<http://www.ushmm.org/outreach/pol72090.htm>) to list the major killing centers and extermination camps in Poland:

Liberation

29) For each of the Allied army groups below, identify which killing center(s) was liberated by each:

Soviet Forces: _____

American Forces: _____

British Forces: _____

30) Why did about half of the concentration camp inmates die within a few weeks of liberation?

The Survivors

31) What led Great Britain to change its mind about establishing a Jewish homeland in its territory of Palestine?

32) What nation was formed from the division of Jewish and Arab territory in Palestine? When did it achieve independence?

The Nuremberg Trials

33) How many Nazi leaders were put on trial in Nuremberg? How many were sentenced to death?

35) Who found Adolph Eichmann? What was he convicted of and what was his sentence?
