

# Holocaust Webquest Packet

<https://sites.google.com/pylusd.org/holocaustwebquest>

## **Overview – Setting the Stage**

Step 1: Read the “Holocaust Overview” and answer the questions below.

1. What was the Final Solution to the Jewish Question?
2. Roughly, how many Jews in Europe were killed during the Holocaust? *Hint: Look for a Fraction.*
3. Other than Jews, who else was targeted by Nazi’s during the Holocaust?

## **Kristallnacht –Night of Broken Glass**

Step 1: Read the article “Night of Broken Glass” and complete the tasks below.

1. What was Kristallnacht and why did it happen?
2. Complete the timeline by writing a brief description of what happened on each date

|                  |                  |                  |                   |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                  |                  |                  |                   |
| October 28, 1938 | November 7, 1938 | November 9, 1938 | November 12, 1938 |

Step 2: Watch the video and record the data in chart below. Answer the reflection question at the end.

| <i>Kristallnacht Data</i>                                 |  | What started to happen to Jews after Kristallnacht?           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number of Synagogues (Jewish places of worship) Destroyed |  |                                                               |
| Number of Jewish establishments vandalized and/or looted  |  |                                                               |
| Number of Jews murdered                                   |  |                                                               |
| Number of Jews arrested                                   |  | Why is it important to teach about events like the Holocaust? |
| Amount Jews were fined                                    |  |                                                               |

**Step 3: View the 3 photos that depict what occurred during Kristallnacht. In the space below, write a brief reflection on what you think Jews in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich must have been feeling. Use specific evidence from the photos to justify your reflection.**

**Ghettos**

**Step 1: Read the article “Life in the Ghettos” and answer the questions below.**

- 1. Describe the living conditions in the ghettos.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. Describe the life of a child in the ghettos.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3. What happened to the Jews who were deported from the Lodz Ghetto?

**Step 2: Watch the video on the Lodz Ghetto. Write down 4 notes, reflections, and/or observations below.**

- 1)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4)

**Step 3: View the maps showing the location of ghettos/deportation routes/concentration camps/death camps/etc. Then complete the graphic organizer.**

| Observe                                                                                                                    | Reflect                                                                                                                     | Question                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Describe what you see. What do you notice first? What are your general observations? What place or places are being shown? | Why do you think this map was made? How are the two maps similar/different? What can we conclude by comparing the two maps? | Write down any questions you may have? Who – What – When – Where – Why- How |
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## The Final Solution

**Step 1:** Read the article “The Final Solution”. Write a 3-4 sentence summary of the article in your own words. Your summary should focus on the escalation of anti-Jewish policy in Nazi Germany and how that eventually led to the ‘final solution’.

**Step 2:** Watch the video on the Final Solution. Write down 3 notes, reflections, and/or observations below.

1)

2)

3)

**Step 3:** Watch the drone footage of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Then complete the sentences frames below.

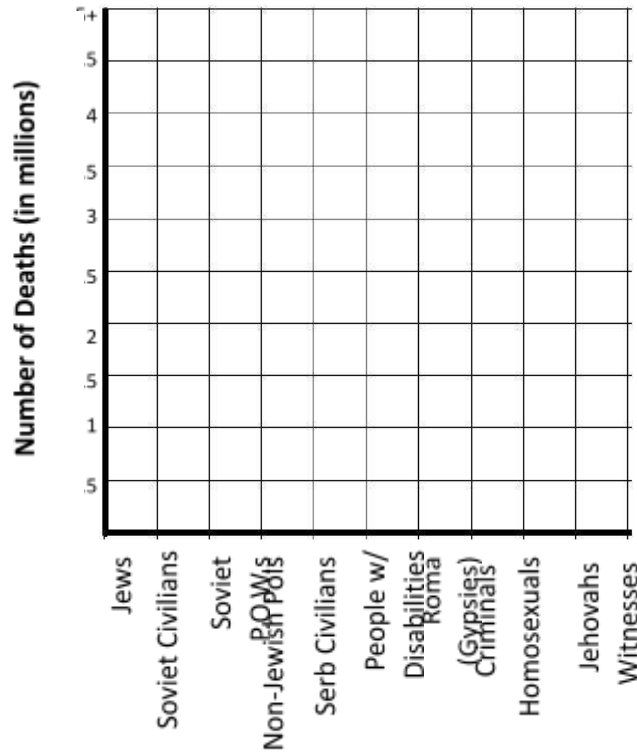
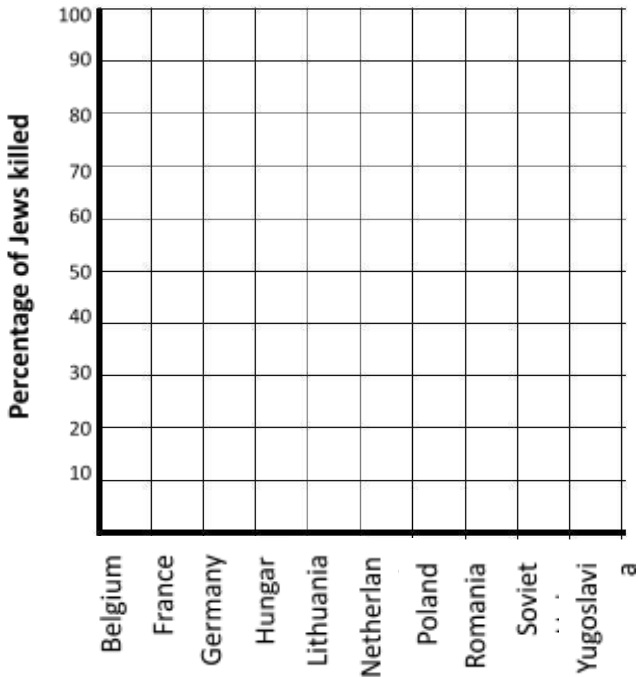
- I was surprised
- I expected
- I felt

**Step 4:** Click on the link to take a virtue tour of Auschwitz. Follow the steps below can complete the chart based on what you decided to observe.

1. Once you have opened to website click on the word Panoramas in the bottom/center portion of the screen.
2. You can now scroll through the various areas of Auschwitz that are open for people to tour (there are a lot)
3. Scroll through the different areas, when you come to one you would like to tour click on it.
  - a. Use the arrows on your keyboard, or the mousepad to look around the room/area
  - b. You can click on the arrows on the screen to move around the room/area
4. Click on the read more tab and read the information about the room/area you are viewing
5. Using your observations and the reading, complete the chart below. You must visit at least 4 different areas to complete the chart.

| Room/Area Name | General Information, Observations, Thoughts, Impressions, etc. |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
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Step 5: Click on the links giving data on the number of deaths of Jews and other groups during the Holocaust. Then create two charts to display that data.



Step 6: Look at the pictures being shown and read each caption. For each picture, fill out the graphic organizer below.

| Picture | People | Objects | Activities | Personal Reflections |
|---------|--------|---------|------------|----------------------|
| 1       |        |         |            |                      |
| 2       |        |         |            |                      |
| 3       |        |         |            |                      |
| 4       |        |         |            |                      |
| 5       |        |         |            |                      |

**Liberation & Survivors**

Step 1: Read the article “Liberation” and answer the 3 questions below.

1. Which Allied nation was the first to liberate a concentration camp? When did this occur?
2. How did American journalist Bill Barrett describe the condition of the liberated prisoners at the Dachau concentration camp?
3. How did survivors of camps react to being liberated?

**Step 2:** Click the link and watch the video testimony of a concentration camp liberator (*Rocky Blunt, Infantryman U.S. Army*). In the space below, summarize his thoughts and feelings. You do not need to read the accompanying article.

**Step 3:** Watch the testimony of a holocaust survivor. And answer the questions below.

- 1. How did this survivor know that he had been liberated? How did he react?
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. What was the first thing this survivor did once he knew he had been liberated?

**Step 4:** Watch the videos of holocaust survivors explaining their experiences. Complete the graphic organizer.

| Video | Survivors Name | Place(s) Imprisoned | Experiences |
|-------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1     |                |                     |             |
| 2     |                |                     |             |
| 3     |                |                     |             |

**Quiz**

Take the practice quiz. You may use the information on this packet to help you answer the questions correctly.  
After you finish the quiz click the [View your score](#) link and read the feedback for each question (including the ones your got right).  
For any question answered incorrectly, write the correct answer in the form of a sentence.

Score: \_\_\_\_\_/8

Test Corrections: