



The Holocaust

CHAPTER 14 – SECTION 4

What was the Holocaust?

- **Nazi Germany's brutal systematic murder of European Jews**



How many Jews were killed?

- **6 million**
- 2/3 of Europe's Jewish population
- Also killed **another 5-6 million other "undesirables"** – homeless, handicapped, homosexuals, physically or mentally disabled



Anti-semitism

- The **belief that Jews are inferior** to so called Aryans (blonde, blue-eyed)
- Because they were **believed to be the cause of all Germany's problems** they needed to be wiped out



5 actions taken by the Nazis against the Jews

- Germans encouraged not to go to Jewish stores/businesses
- Stripped of their German citizenship
- Laws forbidding marriage between Jews and non-Jews



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- Jewish doctors banned from treating non-Jews
- Forced to carry identity cards and wear yellow stars of David to easily identify them

The SS



- The elite private army of the Nazi party
- The organization most responsible for the genocidal killing of an estimated 6 million Jews and millions of other victims during the Holocaust

Schutzstaffel (SS)



The Gestapo

- **A secret police force** formed to identify and pursue those who didn't follow the new Nazi laws



Kristallnacht

- **“The Night of Broken Glass”**
- Nazi thugs looted and destroyed Jewish stores followed by mass arrests of Jews



What did many Jews try to do?

- Escape to neighboring countries in Europe or to America



America unwilling to help?

- America did not make exceptions to our tight immigration laws which didn't let many Jews in
- Other countries wouldn't let many in either



Jews in Warsaw, Poland

- Nazis rounded up 350,000 Jews and forced them to live in a tiny overcrowded section of the city (Warsaw Ghetto)
- Hunger and lack of sanitation brought disease



What were ghettos?

- Areas Jews were squeezed into
- Barbed wire and walls prevented movement and sealed them off from the rest of the city



Hitler's "final solution"

- Hitler would end the "Jewish problem" by establishing concentration camps in rural areas of Germany and Poland where Jews would be forced to perform hard labor



Death Camps

- Unlike earlier camps, these were not used as work camps, but only **for mass murder**



What happened upon arrival?

- Loaded Jews on to trains – most not knowing where they were going
- Upon arrival lined up for inspection



- Women, children, and elderly who were too weak to work were herded into gas chambers and killed
- Many separated right then and never saw family again
- Others forced to carry the dead to crematoriums to be burned



What were conditions like for those who escaped immediate death?

- Heads shaved (men and women)
- Registration number tattooed on arms
- Issued one set of clothes

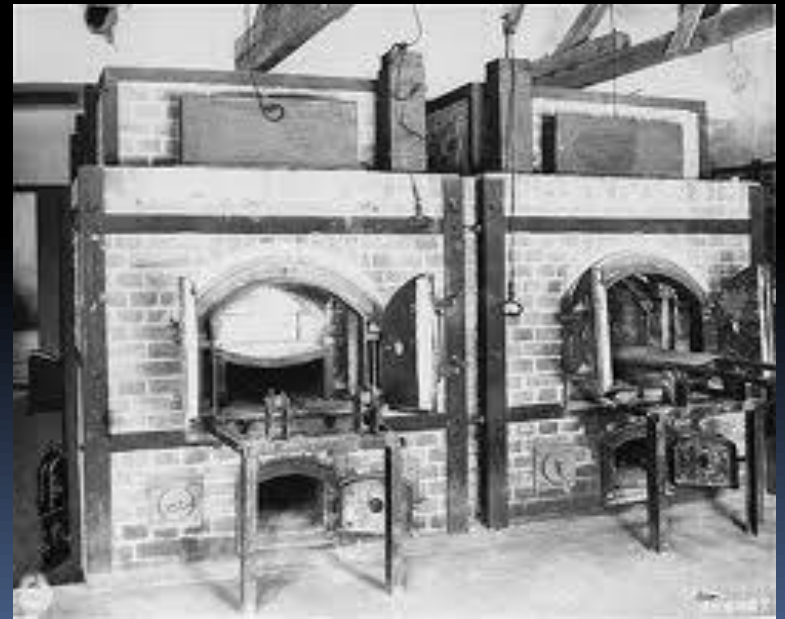


- Slept in crowded unheated barracks
- No bathrooms or beds
- Food was one small bowl a day of foul-tasting soup made with rotten vegetables
- Disease and hard work killed many



“Selections”

- Lined up daily and those who were too weak or ill were sent to the gas chambers



Auschwitz

- Death camp in Poland where 1.5 million victims were murdered



Warsaw ghetto uprising

- 700 Jews with only pistols and homemade bombs fought deportation to a concentration camp for 27 days against 2,000 Germans with tanks



Could you escape the camps?

- A few riots broke out and a few escaped, but most attempts failed
- Those who did get out tried to tell their tale to the outside world



Finally liberated! (set free)

- Germans abandoned the camps as Allied armies advanced toward them
- Tried to move some prisoners at first, but eventually left them





- American troops witnessed the horrors of the Holocaust for the first time in 1945





Nuremberg Trials

- **Leading Nazis were put on trial in Nuremberg, Germany and held accountable for their actions**
- **Only 12 received the death sentence, but courts sent the message that you can't just say "I was only following orders"**



Still Searching for Nazi War Criminals

- Many escaped and went into hiding in as far away places as South America

<p>ARIBERT HEIM Age: 93 Where: Unknown. Crime: Indicted for murdering hundreds at Mauthausen concentration camp.</p> 	<p>JOHN DEMJANJUK Age: 88 Where: USA Crime: Conviction for being Treblinka camp guard overturned. Fighting deportation to Europe.</p> 	<p>SANDOR KEPIRO Age: 93 Where: Hungary. Crime: Convicted in absentia of killing more than 1,000 in riverside massacre in Serbia.</p> 	<p>MILIVOJ ASNER Age: 99 Where: Austria. Crime: Accused of persecuting and deporting hundreds of Serbs, Jews and Gypsies.</p> 	<p>SOREN KAM Age: 86 Where: Germany Crime: Member of the SS who has been accused of murdering a journalist.</p> 
<p>HEINRICH BOERE Age: 86 Where: Germany Crime: Nazi hitman convicted in absentia of killing three Dutch civilians.</p> 	<p>CHARLES ZENTAI Age: 86 Where: Australia Crime: Accused of killing Jewish teenager for not wearing a yellow star.</p> 	<p>MIKHAIL GORSKOW Age: 84 Where: Estonia. Crime: Gestapo interrogator accused of killing Jews.</p> 	<p>ALGIMANTAS DAILIDE Age: 87 Where: Germany Crime: Convicted of rounding up Jews, but deemed too frail to serve sentence.</p> 	<p>HARRY MANNIL Age: 88 Where: Venezuela. Crime: Accused of the murder of hundreds of Jews.</p> 

THE LAST NAZIS



Work I am Checking

- Chapter 14 – Section 1, 2, 3, and 4 Notes
- Europe & Pacific Maps (both sides)
- A Bomb Essay
- Holocaust Essay
- WWII Timeline
- Crossword Puzzles Section 1 and 2
- Crossword Puzzles Section 3 and 4
- 7 Facts from WWII Video

Chapter 14 Review

- Complete the Key Terms # 1-11 and Comprehension Questions #1-8 on page 456 in your textbook
- Have your notes *labeled* and *organized* and be prepared to come up to show them to me when you are called on