

Year 9 History – Term 1: How significant was the Holocaust?



Overview of the Holocaust	What was pre-war Jewish life like?	Why was the 'Final Solution' significant?										
<p>The Holocaust was a time during World War II when millions of people were treated cruelly and killed by the Nazi government in Germany, led by Adolf Hitler.</p> <p>The Holocaust happened between 1933 and 1945.</p> <p>The Nazis believed some people were superior to others. Jewish people were the main targets, but many others were also harmed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roma people• Disabled people• Polish and Slavic people• Gay people• Political opponents• Jehovah’s Witnesses	<p>Before World War II, approximately 9.5 million Jews lived in Europe, making up a rich, vibrant, and diverse mosaic of cultures.</p> <p>They lived in every European country, ranging from large, bustling city centres to small rural towns, and worked in all professions across society.</p> 	<p>The ‘Final Solution’ was the Nazi plan to murder all Jewish people in Europe during the Holocaust. It was ordered by the Nazi government led by Adolf Hitler during World War II.</p> <p>It was significant because it changed the persecution of Jewish people into a planned mass murder. Millions of Jewish men, women, and children were sent to ghettos and concentration camps, where many were killed in gas chambers or died from starvation and disease. Around six million Jewish people were murdered.</p> <p>The Final Solution is remembered as one of the worst crimes in history and teaches people the dangers of hatred, racism, and discrimination.</p>										
Why was the Jewish resistance significant?	Why was justice significant in the Holocaust?	Key terms										
<p>Jewish resistance during the Holocaust was when Jewish people fought back against Nazi persecution in many different ways during World War II. Some resisted by taking part in uprisings, such as the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, while others hid people, shared food, taught children in secret, or kept their religion and culture alive.</p> <p>Jewish resistance was important because it showed bravery and determination even in terrible conditions. It proved that many people tried to protect others and stand up against unfair treatment and hatred.</p> 	<p>One important event was the Nuremberg Trials, where leading Nazis were put on trial for crimes against humanity. Some were sent to prison and others were punished for their actions.</p>  <p>Justice was important because it showed that people who commit terrible crimes can be held responsible. It also helped countries create laws to protect human rights and prevent events like the Holocaust from happening again.</p>	<table><tr><td>Holocaust</td><td>The systematic murder of six million Jewish people and millions of other victims by Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945</td></tr><tr><td>Significance</td><td>How important something is</td></tr><tr><td>Antisemitism</td><td>Showing hostility, prejudice or hatred toward Jewish people</td></tr><tr><td>Resistance</td><td>The act of opposing, withstanding or refusing to accept something</td></tr><tr><td>‘Final Solution’</td><td>The code name that the Nazi’s created for the mass murder of the Jewish people</td></tr></table>	Holocaust	The systematic murder of six million Jewish people and millions of other victims by Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945	Significance	How important something is	Antisemitism	Showing hostility, prejudice or hatred toward Jewish people	Resistance	The act of opposing, withstanding or refusing to accept something	‘Final Solution’	The code name that the Nazi’s created for the mass murder of the Jewish people
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