



Curriculum to Classroom: Teaching the Holocaust in the new Grade 10 Curriculum

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Chapters on Antisemitism in Germany

Chapter 3 examines the roots of antisemitism in Europe and how these ideas shaped the beliefs of Adolf Hitler. It explores the historical, social, and political factors that fueled his hatred, including conspiracy theories, racial ideology, and the conditions in Germany after World War I. Students will gain insight into how prejudice can be intensified and manipulated to influence an entire society. Chapter 4 focuses on the treatment of Jewish people in Nazi Germany before the outbreak of World War II. It outlines the laws, policies, and actions introduced by the Nazi Party to isolate and discriminate against Jews, including the Nuremberg Laws and violent events such as Kristallnacht. The chapter helps students understand how systematic discrimination escalated in the years leading up to the Holocaust.

[Chapter 3: Why did Hitler Hate the Jews? \(pdf\)](#)

[Chapter 4: How did the Nazis Treat German Jews before the War \(pdf\)](#)

Too Close to Home: Anti-Semitism & Facism in Canada, 1930s & 1940s

This resource from the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre highlights a troubling chapter in Canadian history, when Nazi ideology and antisemitism permeated the country's cultural and political landscape and were reflected in its restrictive immigration policies. The materials that follow offer students and educators access to primary sources from Canada in the 1930s and 1940s, helping to explore issues such as antisemitism, Fascism, Nazism, and immigration during the Holocaust. These artifacts can deepen students' engagement and understanding by showing how Canada's present-day diversity and multicultural identity emerged from a more exclusionary past.

[Get the Teacher Study Guide \(pdf\)](#)

[Get the Primary Sources Artefact Folio \(pdf\)](#)

[Get the Quiz with Answers \(pdf\)](#)

Why Study the Holocaust Worksheet

A worksheet designed to help students reflect on their existing knowledge of the Holocaust before beginning the unit. Teachers can use this activity to assess prior understanding, identify misconceptions, and tailor instruction to better meet students' learning needs.

[Get the worksheet \(pdf\)](#)

Terms and Definitions with Vocabulary Match Ups Worksheet

A list of key terms and definitions, accompanied by a worksheet that allows students to match each term with its correct definition. Teachers can use this resource to build foundational vocabulary, reinforce understanding, and support students in engaging more confidently with the unit's content.

[Get the worksheet \(pdf\)](#)

Chronology of Key Events

A list of key events of the Holocaust spanning the years 1933 to 1945. Teachers can use this resource to help students understand the chronological progression of events, identify patterns of escalation, and place historical developments within a clear timeline context.

[Get the resource \(pdf\)](#)

Righteous Among the Nations

A list showing the number of individuals recognized as Righteous Among the Nations by country, as recorded by Yad Vashem. Teachers can use this resource to highlight stories of moral courage and resistance during the Holocaust, and to encourage students to reflect on how individual actions can make a meaningful difference in times of injustice.

[Get the resource \(pdf\)](#)

Survival Suitcase Activity Worksheet

When Jewish people were forcibly removed from their homes, they had only moments to gather what they could carry. This worksheet invites students to create their own "survival suitcase" and reflect on the items they would choose and why. Teachers can use this activity to help students develop empathy and a more personal understanding of the human impact of forced displacement during the Holocaust.

[Get the worksheet \(pdf\)](#)

References on the Shoah for Your Classroom

A curated list of resources for teachers to use in their units, including books, studies, and additional teaching materials. Teachers can use this list to support lesson planning, deepen their subject knowledge, and provide students with a wider range of reliable and engaging learning materials.

[Get the resource \(pdf\)](#)

Escalation of Anti-Jewish Measures Worksheet

A list outlining anti-Jewish measures implemented between 1942 and 1945, highlighting the escalating restrictions, persecutions, and policies imposed during the final years of the Holocaust. Teachers can use this resource to help students understand how discrimination intensified over time and to analyze the step-by-step process that led to increasingly severe persecution.

[Get the resource \(pdf\)](#)