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**The Holocaust**

1. **Hitler and the Nazis**

Adolf Hitler and the Nazis wanted to create a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. They called the master race the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

To the Nazis, the “perfect Aryan” had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hair, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eyes, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ skin. They were supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Nazis thought some people were **inferior**, including:

* + Jews
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Poles
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Jehovah’s Witnesses
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Homosexuals
  + People who were mentally or physically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Non-Aryans could not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Many people tried to leave \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but could find no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (other countries were having hard times, too. Most countries, including the United States, were having trouble feeding their own people.)

1. **Why would Anyone Join the Nazi Party?**

For Nazis or people who helped them, life began to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Many new jobs were created such as more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and filling jobs from which non-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In a country that had been so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after the first World War, many people were happy and excited to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Even the children were supposed to join the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,” a club that taught them how to be Nazis.

The Nazis used the mass media to spread **propaganda** to gain support from the German people.

1. **From 1939 to 1942: World War II and the “Final Solution”**

Hitler and the Nazis wanted to control all of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. As the Nazis took over more countries, they had even more Jewish people under their control. The Nazis made all Jews wear a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** on the outside of their clothing, so they were easy to find.

They were forced to move out of their homes and into **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. The ghettos in Europe were dirty and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Food was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and many people were sick and dying.

Often, when the ghettos were too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Nazis would send people to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ camps or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ camps.

1. **From 1942 to 1944: The Death Camps**

In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, fifteen Nazi officials met to close the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish people. Their plan was called the **“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**

For \_\_\_\_\_ years, the Nazis had killed many Jews, but the new plan was even more serious. They decided to kill *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* of the Jewish people in Europe—about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people!

The Nazis built killing centers called **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. They wanted to keep their homeland “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,” so most of the death camps were in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The largest death camp was called **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. There were only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ death camps but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of concentration, labor and transit camps.

The death camps were like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to kill people.

First, people were sent to the camp in crowded, locked **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** on very long trains with boxcars like the kind used for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

They were hungry, dirty, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They thought they were going to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ camp to work.

When the doors were opened, they were told to leave their suitcases behind. Men had to line up in one area, women in different area. \_\_\_\_\_\_ people, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ children and babies were sent to another area.

People who **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** were shot in front of everyone. People were confused and afraid.

The Nazis told them that they would get food after they took a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The showers at the death camps had two uses.**

1. One use was to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of people at once. People who could work as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Nazis were showered with ice cold water. Then all of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on their bodies was shaved off. They were shaved for two reasons: to make them look \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so it would be hard to escape, and to reduce problems with **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** The new prisoners were given a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to use instead of their name. At some camps, the number was**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** on their arm to mark them as prisoners forever.
2. The second use for the showers was to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** came out of the shower heads and killed people who could not work as slaves (especially the \_\_\_\_\_\_ people, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_children). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of people died on the day they arrived at the death camp. Their families found out later that they were killed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. **From 1944 to 1945: The Last Days**

In late 1944, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were winning the war in Europe.

The Nazis wanted to win their “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,” even if they lost World War II. They tried to kill people faster.

As the Allies came close to the concentration camps and death camps, the Nazis forced their prisoners to walk to camps in Germany. These are called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The winter was cold and snowy. Many people were too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to walk and died on the side of the roads.

1. **The War Ends**

Finally, in the spring of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Allies won the war in Europe.

It is difficult to **estimate** the number of people who died during the Holocaust. Think about a few of the ways people died:

— in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they starved or were shot,

— on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going to concentration camps,

— in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the killing centers,

— from too much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and too little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the concentration and labor camps, — and on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

One common estimate of the Jewish population who died is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people.

But saying “six million Jews” leaves out the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people who died, like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, prisoners of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Witnesses.

The Nazis killed millions of people, but the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ number will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.