

# GEORGIA COMMISSION ON THE HOLOCAUST

## TEACHING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST: LESSONS FOR TODAY

### PATH TO NAZI GENOCIDE: VIEWER GUIDE

<p>In the introduction to the film, the narrator identifies three things that the Nazis used to help them further their military, political and racial goals. As you watch the film, note how each of these plays a role in how the history develops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDUCATION</li> <li>• SCIENCE</li> <li>• TECHNOLOGY</li> </ul>	
<p>What are some of the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles that dramatically impacted Germany after World War I?</p>	
<p>What impact did the defeat in World War I have on everyday life in Germany?</p>	
<p>What uncertainties existed in Germany in the 1920s?</p> <p>What parallels to the United States existed in Germany in the 1920s?</p>	
<p>What was the historical context in which Hitler came to power?</p> <p>How did Hitler become Chancellor?</p>	
<p>Explain how the burning of the Reichstag helped Hitler to consolidate his power.</p> <p>What were some of the harsh measures taken at that time and why did many people support those measures?</p>	

<p>What is a <i>national community</i> and how did the Nazis build one?</p> <p>Explain how propaganda played a role in building a national community.</p>	
<p>What parallels to the United States existed in Germany in the 1930s?</p> <p>What was life like for minorities in the United States in the 1930s?</p> <p>How might this have affected how some Americans responded to the persecution in Germany?</p>	
<p>How did restrictions on Jews tighten after Kristallnacht?</p> <p>What options did Jews in Germany have following Kristallnacht?</p>	
<p>How did the “fog of war” after September 1, 1939 enhance the Nazi ability to further their racial and political ideology?</p>	
<p>List the countries conquered by the Germans by 1942.</p> <p>How did collaborators in these countries assist the Nazis in pursuing their racial goals?</p>	
<p>How did the Nazis carry out the Final Solution to the Jewish Question?</p>	
<p>As the camps were liberated beginning in summer 1944, how did some Americans respond to the news coming from Europe?</p>	
<p>Reflect on what you saw in the film. The Nazis could not have carried out such a large-scale genocide on their own. What roles did ordinary people play and what actions did they take?</p>	