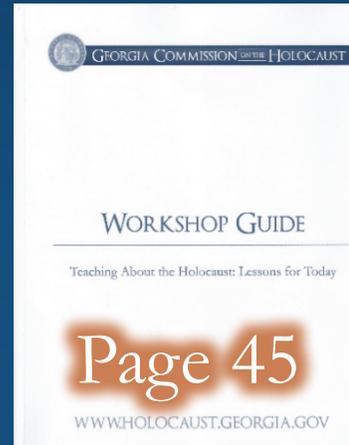


ID CARDS ACTIVITY



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BACKGROUND

- Developed from USHMM
 - Excerpted from museum's ID cards collection
- Total of 35 cards in the set
 - Included in Trunk Project and used at *Anne Frank in the World* exhibit
 - Represents classroom-size ratio of larger scale
- Simple activity → Complex concepts

OBJECTIVES

Pre-Reading During Reading Post Reading

- Provides students with following information:
 - Defines the Holocaust and connect the events to the definition
 - Explores categories of behavior based on choices
 - Emphasizes that the Holocaust took place because individuals, groups, and nations made decisions to act or not to act
 - Explores the Holocaust through personal stories instead of just statistics

RATIONALE

- This activity strives to accomplish the following from the “Guidelines for Teaching about the Holocaust”:
 - Define the term “Holocaust”
 - Do not teach or imply that the Holocaust was inevitable
 - Avoid simple answers to complex questions
 - Contextualize the history
 - Translate statistics into people

METHODOLOGY

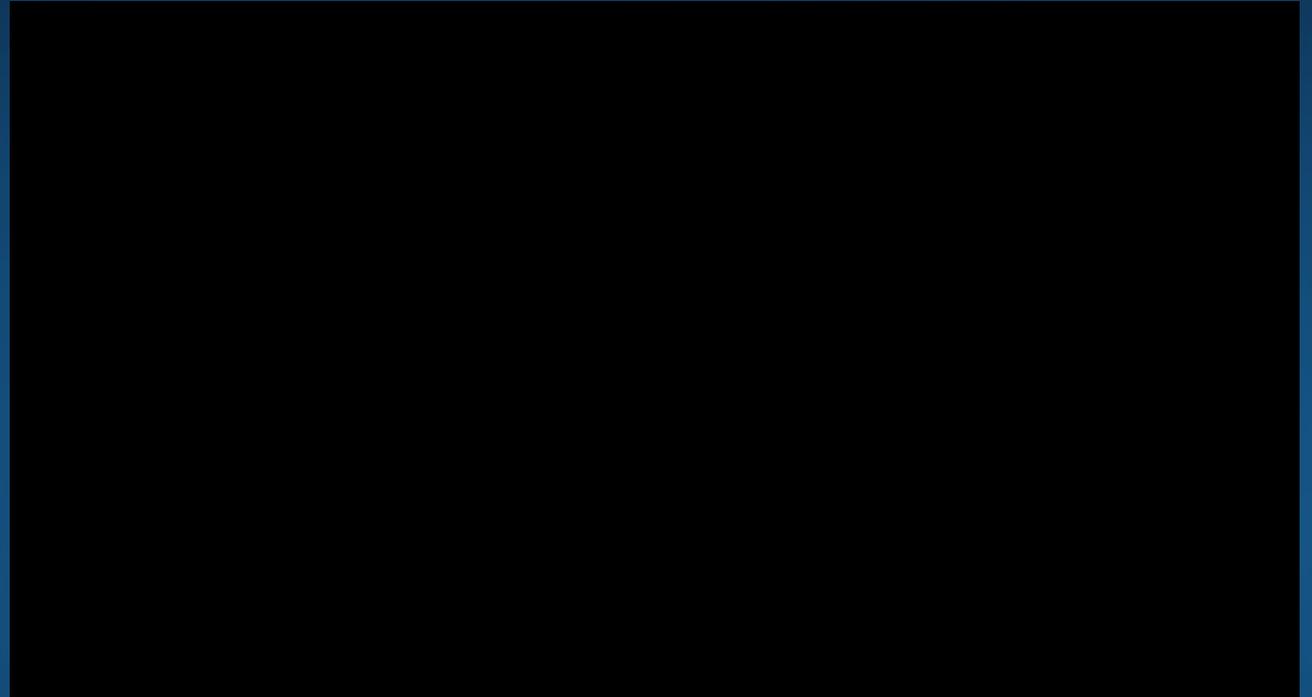
1. Provide informative framework.
 - Definition
 - Categories of behavior
2. Prepare for cards.
3. Distribute cards.
4. Initiate series of questions.
5. Conclude the activity. Allow for follow-up questions.
6. If applicable, transition into assigning further reading or project.

ID CARDS ACTIVITY

Part 1: Provide Informative Framework

The Holocaust was the state-sponsored
systematic persecution and annihilation
of European Jewry by Nazi Germany
and its collaborators between
1933 and 1945.

Animated Map
included in CD
“Holocaust
Commemoration
Resources”



- The Holocaust took place because individuals, groups, and nations made decisions to act or not act.
- Those involved in the Holocaust can be placed in categories based on their choices and behavior.
- “People weren’t forced to do what they do. Sometimes that’s also the perception – people were just forced to do what they do. Even though it took great courage, people did have choices.” -- Susan Bachrach, Exhibition Curator, *Some Were Neighbors*

1. PERPETRATORS & COLLABORATORS

- The set does not include cards of perpetrator or collaborators
- but you can have students create a graphic organizer of unseen characters in an individual story
- Examples: If they have a card of someone who was deported, map out what roles people had – Who drove the trains? Who moved them into the ghetto?

Fluidity of
choices

NAME:

Gideon Boissevain

DATE OF BIRTH:

June 5, 1921

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Amsterdam, the
Netherlands

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Gi was 20 years old when he died.

Nazis did not
kill him →
collaborators



NAME:

Kalman Kernweiss

DATE OF BIRTH:

1920

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Kupno, Poland

J

ID CARD

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MUSEUM

Kalman was the oldest of ten children born to Jewish parents in a small village in Poland. His father provided for the family by buying chickens, eggs and vegetables from the peasants and selling them at the town market a few miles away. Kalman walked to town each day to attend school.

When there was time, he taught himself English from an old book. English became his passion. He asked people to call him "Charlie" instead of Kalman. His dream was to move to America. He wrote to the American president's wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, telling her of his wish. She wrote him back, encouraging his dream. He carried the letter with him for good luck.

When the Nazis took over, Kalman and other Jewish men were forced to work at a labor camp. Kalman was only 16. He managed to escape and return to his village. He hid in a barn and went out each week to get food from a peasant he knew. One night, he was visited by two Jewish friends who had also escaped from the labor camp and were hiding in the forest. Kalman decided to join them. He spent many months hiding in the forest with them. He made regular trips into his village for food.

On a trip into town, Kalman was attacked by some of his old neighbors who hated Jews. Later, a friend from the forest found Kalman with a pitchfork in his chest. Kalman died the next day. He was about 21 years old when he died.

Collaborators



NAME:

Maria Nemeth

DATE OF BIRTH:

December 14, 1932

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Szentes, Hungary

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Maria was born to Jewish parents in Hungary. Her father was a dentist.

In 1937, her mother took in a young Austrian woman who lived with the family and helped Maria learn German.

In March 1944, German troops occupied Hungary. Maria's grandparents owned a store but it was taken over by members of the Arrow Cross, a political party in Hungary that was very similar to the Nazis.

Maria, her parents, grandparents, uncle, aunt and cousins were forced to move into a ghetto set up in the town's sports field and brickyards. They had to live there with thousands of other Jews from nearby towns until they were taken to the Strasshof concentration camp. From there they were taken again to another camp, this time to be used for forced labor near a small village called Goestling an der Ybbs.

Maria and her family were among 80 Jews in the camp who were machine-gunned to death by retreating SS soldiers just days before U.S. forces reached the area.

Maria was 13 years old when she died.

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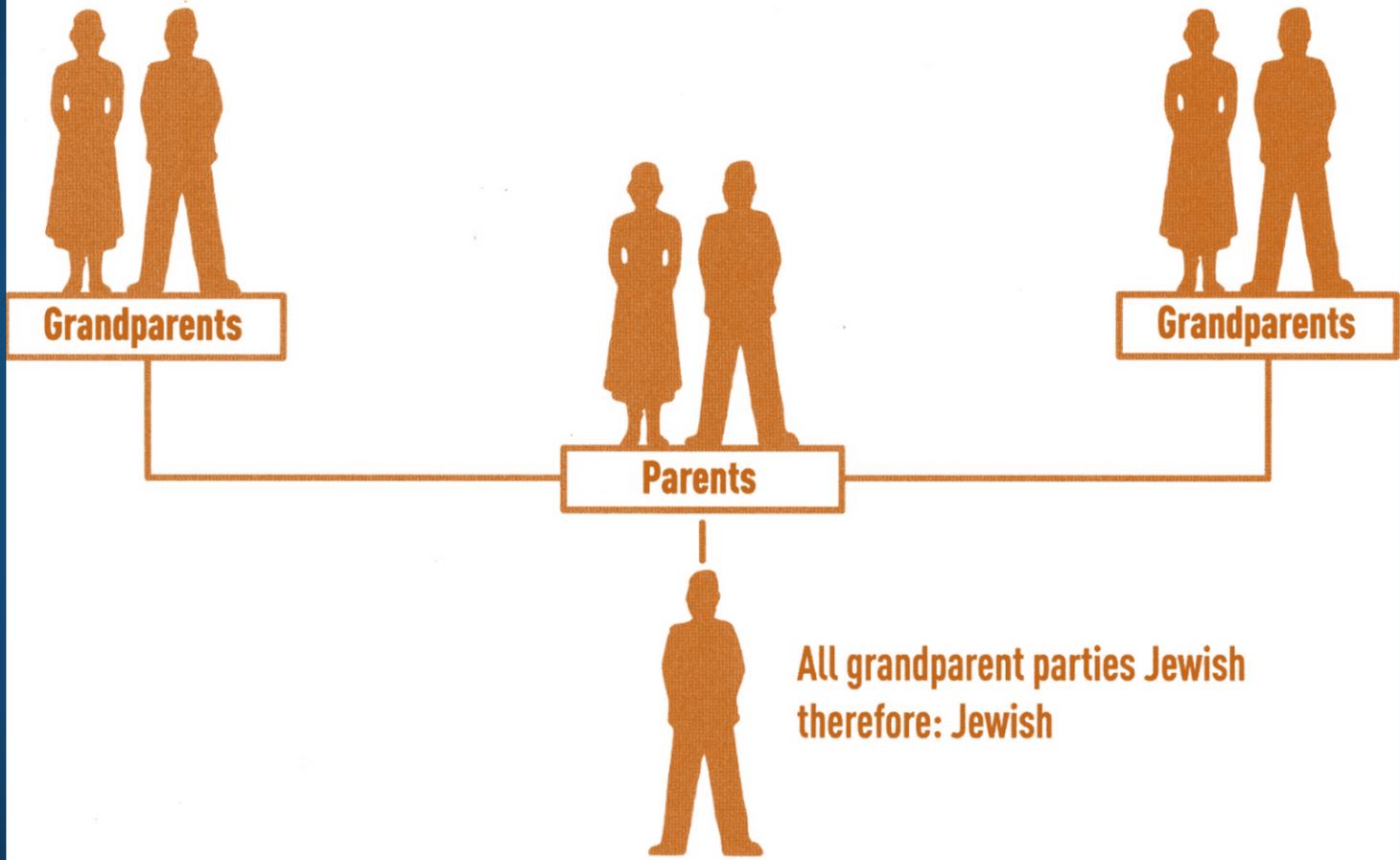
2. TARGETS

Who was targeted during the Holocaust?

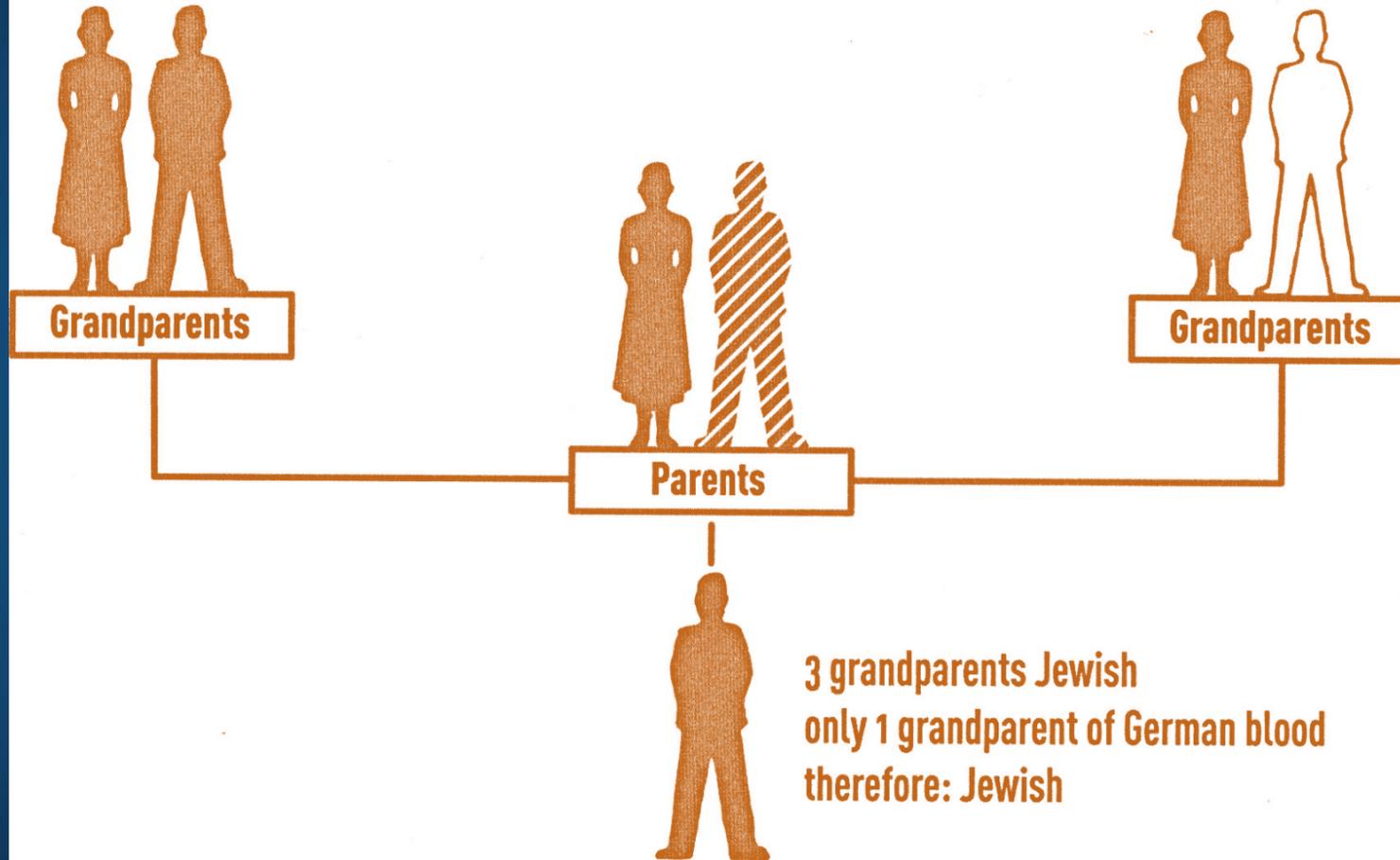
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Who was Jewish?

Who is a Jew?



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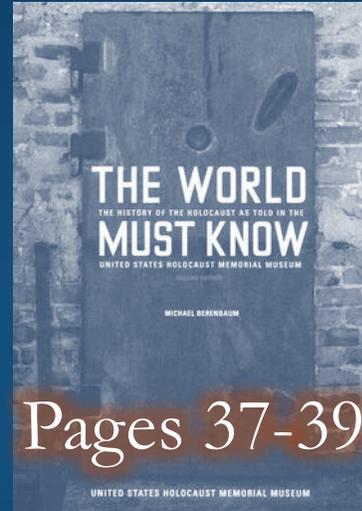


NAZI RACIAL IDEOLOGY

- Humans beings could be classified as “races”
- Each race has distinctive characteristics
- Passed on genetically
- A person’s characteristics, attitudes, abilities, and behavior were determined by their so-call racial make-up
- Races were in competition which each other in the struggle to survive; Superior races vs. inferior races
- Germans could only triumph if their blood was pure.



How did they know who was Jewish?



Kennort: <i>Wien</i>	
Kennnummer: <i>P003442</i>	
Gültig bis <i>13. Juli</i> 19 <i>44</i>	
Name	<i>Sussman</i>
Vornamen	<i>Deszo Israel</i>
Geburtstag	<i>30. Mai 1895</i>
Geburtsort	<i>Litzkany Obergüllnau Dorf Leyd.</i>
Beruf	<i>Pflichtverpflichteter</i>
Unveränderliche Kennzeichen	<i>galen</i>
Veränderliche Kennzeichen	<i>galen</i>
Bemerkungen: <i>Wien</i>	



Rechter Zeigefinger

Linker Zeigefinger

Deszo Israel Sussman
(Unterschrift des Kennkarteninhabers)

Wien, den *13. Juli* 19*39*
Polizeipräsident in Wien
Polizeiamt Brigittower
(Ausstellende Behörde)

Heinrich W...

Germany— November 12, 1943: Identity card for Deszo Israel Sussman marked with a red J for Jude. He was evacuated November 12, 1943.

[Source: [USHMM Collections Catalog](#)]



Brussels, Belgium – 1938: German passport stamped with a red J issued to Rosa Lewinnek in the embassy in Brussels.

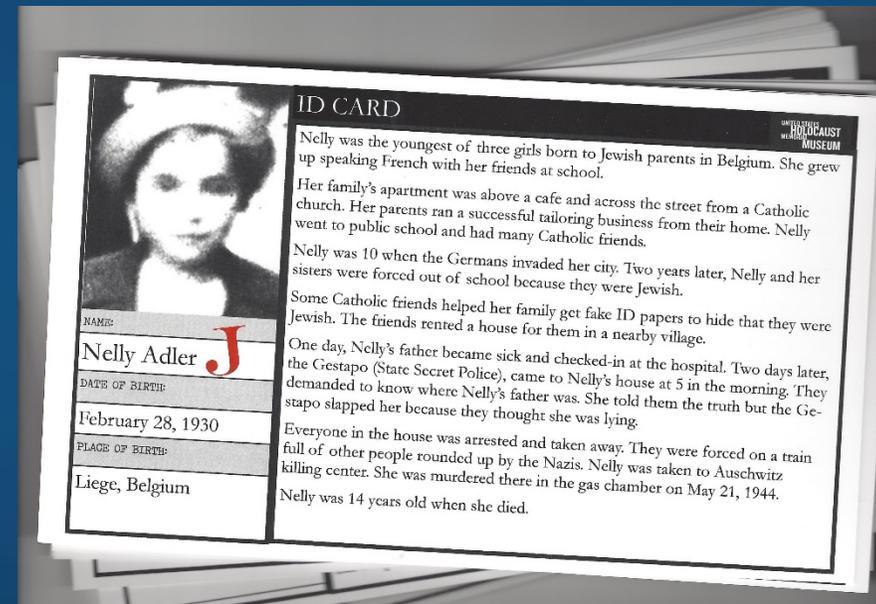
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1. PERPETRATORS & COLLABORATORS

2. TARGETS

- Out of 35 cards, 29 are Jewish
- All Jews were targets, not all targets were Jews
- Only 5 cards of survivors





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Ceija was the fifth of six children born to Roma parents in Austria. The family lived and travelled in a wagon. They belonged to a tribe called the Lowara Roma, who made their living as horse traders.

Ceija grew up used to freedom, travel and hard work. She was 5 years old when the Stokja family parked their wagon for the winter in a Vienna campground. Then Germany entered Austria in March 1938.

The Germans ordered the Roma to stay put. Ceija's parents had to convert their wagon into a wooden house. They had to learn how to cook with an oven instead of a camp fire. They were forced to regist

The camp was fenced off and placed und Germans took her father away. A few mo in a box. Next, the Germans took her sist remainder of the family into the "gypsy c

Her mother and five of her siblings surviv died of disease in another camp when he

Ceija was liberated from the Bergen-Belse was 12 years old. After the war, she publis Holocaust so that no one would forget wl

NAME:

Ceija Stokja

DATE OF BIRTH:

1933

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Krabath bei Knittelfield,
Austria

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Willibald was the youngest of six children born to Catholic parents in a village in Austria. His father and mother became Jehovah's Witnesses when Will was a baby. They raised their children in their new faith. His father became the leader of the local Jehovah's Witness congregation.

Will lived in a beautiful area near lakes and mountains. His family was active in Jehovah's Witness missionary work even though the Austrian government did not like their teachings. In 1938, the Nazis took over Austria.

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When the Allied armies approached the Germans, Will was sent to the battlefield to dig trenches for the German Army. In 1945, he was shot while digging in western Germany.

He was 17 years old when he died.

NAME:

Willibald
Wohlfahrt

DATE OF BIRTH:

December 5, 1927

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Koestenberg-Velden,
Austria

1. PERPETRATORS & COLLABORATORS

2. TARGETS

Even though they did not choose to be targets, many of them still made choices to resist and therefore, can be in more than one category at once.

- To leave is to resist
- Target & Resistance:
Can be in more than one category at the same time

ID CARD		UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM
		
NAME:		
Henry Birnbrey		
DATE OF BIRTH:		
1923		
PLACE OF BIRTH:		
Dortmund, Germany		
<p>Henry was born in Germany to Jewish parents. After the Nazis came to power in Germany, Henry's father was arrested because he spoke out against the government. He was let go after he was made to promise that he would give up his business. Without his job he would not be able to care for his family.</p> <p>Henry's parents tried to find a way to get Henry out of Germany. They sent applications to many countries asking for permission to let Henry live there. The U.S. was the first to grant emergency papers.</p> <p>Henry was 15 when he left his family. He travelled alone to the U.S. First, he was placed in foster homes in Birmingham, Alabama, then he was taken to Atlanta.</p> <p>When he got to Atlanta, Henry was given the news that his father was dead. He had died from wounds he received when he was beaten up by Nazi supporters on Kristallnacht — "The Night of Broken Glass" — when Jewish homes, synagogues, and businesses were vandalized and destroyed by gangs in Germany.</p> <p>In 1943, Henry left his first job at a clothing store in Atlanta when he joined the U.S. Army. As his unit advanced through Europe they saw proof of what the Nazis had done to the people they thought were worthy of life. Henry saw dead bodies left in ditches and on abandoned train cars. After the war, he learned that almost his entire family had died in concentration camps. He began a new life in Atlanta. He has 4 children, 25 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.</p>		

1. PERPETRATORS & COLLABORATORS
2. TARGETS
3. RESCUERS & RESISTANCE

How might someone resist the Nazis? Why would someone rescue Jews? What do you think were the consequences of being caught?

1. PERPETRATORS & COLLABORATORS
2. TARGETS
3. RESCUERS & RESISTANCE

Individuals or groups who made choices and risked their own lives to save others or stand up against the Nazis.



NAME:

Celia Petranker

DATE OF BIRTH:

November 28, 1923

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Stanislav, Poland

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Celia was the youngest of three daughters born to Jewish parents in Poland.

Celia's oldest sister, Pepka, moved to Palestine one week after the Germans invaded Poland on September 1, 1939. Celia grew closer to her other sister, Amalie, who was starting college. Amalie helped Celia with her homework and helped her to understand the events taking place in the war. Celia hoped that soon all the family would be together in Palestine.

The Germans invaded her hometown on July 26, 1941. Jews over age 12 were forced to wear white armbands with a blue Jewish star.

All the Jews in Celia's town were told to report to the Jewish community center for work assignments. Celia and her sister were given buckets and scrub brushes. They were ordered to clean at the Gestapo headquarters.

From the window of the building, Celia could see Jews trapped in the courtyard, crying for help. One day, unable to watch them suffer any longer, Celia tossed them her lunch of bread and cheese.

A German soldier spotted Celia as she threw the food to the imprisoned Jews. She was arrested, beaten and executed.

Celia was 17 years old when she died.



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Gideon Boissevain

DATE OF BIRTH:

June 5, 1921

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Amsterdam, the
Netherlands

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Jewish
resistance –
difficult and
expensive to
obtain false
ID papers



NAME:

Barbara
Ledermann

DATE OF BIRTH:

September 4, 1925

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Berlin, Germany

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Barbara was the older of two daughters born to Jewish parents in Germany's capital, Berlin. Barbara's father was a successful lawyer. Barbara liked to go horseback riding and dreamed of becoming a dancer.

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But they were not safe for long. The Germans invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940. Two years later, they began to arrest many Jews. Barbara's sister and parents were arrested. They died in the Auschwitz concentration camp.

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Barbara stayed in Amsterdam and joined the resistance groups. She helped by taking Jews to hiding places. Sometimes she hid Jews in her own apartment even though she was hiding under a fake name too.

Amsterdam was liberated by Canadian troops in May 1945. Barbara moved to the United States in November 1947.

Card of
Barbara's
sister is also
in the set –
Same family
but different
fates



NAME:

Susanne
Ledermann

J

DATE OF BIRTH:

October 8, 1928

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Berlin, Germany

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Susanne was the younger of two daughters born to Jewish parents in the German capital of Berlin. Her father was a successful lawyer. She was nicknamed “Sanne.” She liked to play with her sister and enjoyed visiting the Berlin Zoo and park with her family.

After the Nazis came to power in January 1933, it became illegal for Jewish lawyers to have non-Jewish customers. When Sanne was 4, her father’s law business closed and the family moved to Amsterdam. They thought life would be better there. Sanne began school in Amsterdam when she was 6. She was a good student and quickly made friends. Some of her friends were also Jewish refugees from Germany, such as Anne Frank and her family.

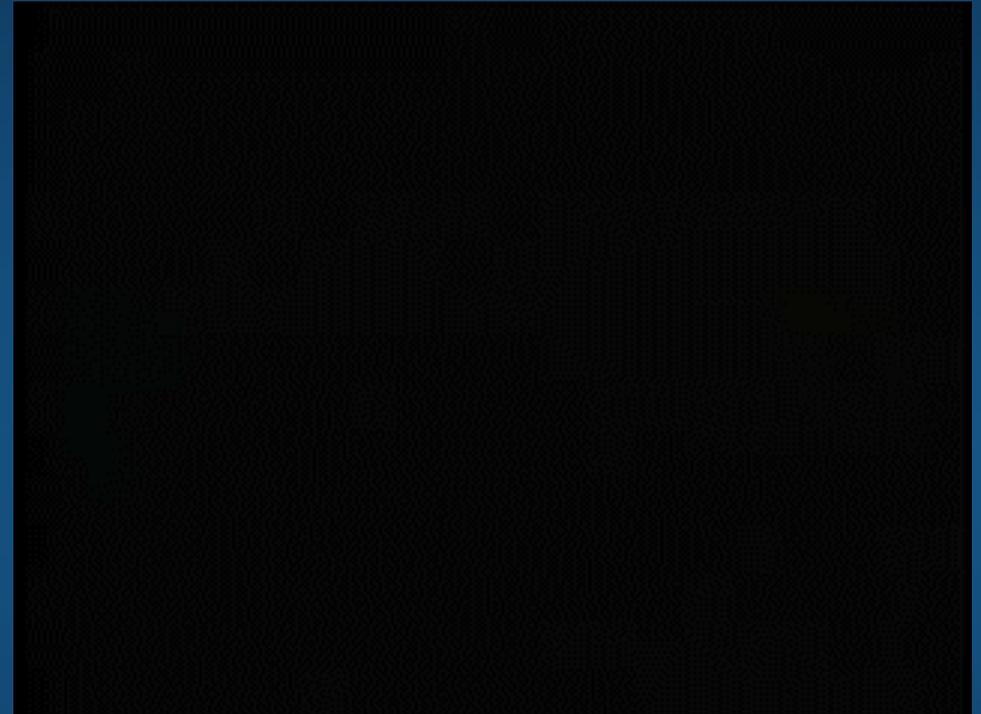
But they were not safe for long. On May 14, 1940, Germans invaded the Netherlands. When Sanne was 13, the Germans forced the Jews out of public schools. Sanne had to enroll at a Jewish school.

By June 1942 the Germans were sending Jews to work in labor camps. Sanne’s father believed that the family would not be harmed as long as they obeyed the law and followed German orders. He was wrong. On June 20, 1943, Sanne and her parents were arrested and sent to the Westerbork transit camp.

In 1944, they were sent from Westerbork to the Auschwitz concentration camp where they died. Sanne was 15 years old when she died.

CONTEXTUALIZE

- Oral History Interview with Barbara Ledermann describing how she obtained false papers
- The Ledermanns were not the only Jewish German refugees living in the Netherlands



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Context: The Ledermanns were German-Jewish refugees living in Amsterdam like Anne Frank and her family. They lived in the same apartment complex.

Only Barbara survived...



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Having false ID papers did not guarantee survival



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Nelly was the youngest of three girls born to Jewish parents in Belgium. She grew up speaking French with her friends at school.

Her family's apartment was above a cafe and across the street from a Catholic church. Her parents ran a successful tailoring business from their home. Nelly went to public school and had many Catholic friends.

Nelly was 10 when the Germans invaded her city. Two years later, Nelly and her sisters were forced out of school because they were Jewish.

Some Catholic friends helped her family get fake ID papers to hide that they were Jewish. The friends rented a house for them in a nearby village.

NAME:

Nelly Adler

J

DATE OF BIRTH:

February 28, 1930

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Liege, Belgium

One day, Nelly's father became sick and checked-in at the hospital. Two days later, the Gestapo (State Secret Police), came to Nelly's house at 5 in the morning. They demanded to know where Nelly's father was. She told them the truth but the Gestapo slapped her because they thought she was lying.

Everyone in the house was arrested and taken away. They were forced on a train full of other people rounded up by the Nazis. Nelly was taken to Auschwitz killing center. She was murdered there in the gas chamber on May 21, 1944.

Nelly was 14 years old when she died.

Non-Jewish resistance



NAME:

Jozef Wilk

DATE OF BIRTH:

March 19, 1925

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Rzeszow, Poland

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Jozef was the youngest of three children born to Roman Catholic parents in Poland. Jozef's father was an officer in the Polish army. Jozef excelled in sports, and his favorite sport was gymnastics. He also studied the piano.

Jozef was 14 when Germany attacked Poland on September 1, 1939. The invasion affected him deeply. Raised in a patriotic family, he had been taught to love and defend Poland. The Germans were bombing Warsaw, the Polish capital, but Jozef was too young to join the army. The Germans reached Jozef's hometown on Sunday, September 10. After that, Jozef made his way to Warsaw, where he joined his two older sisters.

In Warsaw Jozef joined the Polish resistance. His code name was "Orlik." On April 19, 1943, during the Warsaw ghetto uprising, his unit was ordered to blow open part of the ghetto wall so Jews could escape. As his unit approached the wall with explosives and weapons under their coats, his friend "Mlodek" tripped. His pistol accidentally dropped to the pavement. A policeman spotted the pistol and opened fire. Chaos erupted. German units opened fire on Jozef's unit before it could reach the wall.

Jozef and "Mlodek" were killed in the gunfire. The rest of their unit made it to the wall. Jozef was 18 when he died.

Similar to how collaborators chose to work with the Nazis for various reasons regardless of their belief in the ideology, some people resisting the Nazis made the choice for various reasons.



NAME:

Dora Rivkina

DATE OF BIRTH:

November 7, 1924

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Minsk, Belorussia

ID CARD

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Dora was the second of three girls born to a Jewish family in Minsk, the capital of Belorussia. Her family was one of many Jewish families living in the city. Dora's father worked in a state-owned factory building furniture.

As a young girl, Dora was athletic. She was good at swimming and dancing. When she was in the second grade, she was chosen to dance the lead part in a New Year's performance. She was also a member of the Young Pioneers, a youth group that held lectures on history and organized camping trips.

In 1941, the Germans invaded Minsk. Dora and her family were ordered to leave their home and move into a ghetto. Two years later, the Germans emptied the ghetto but Dora escaped from the transport and joined the partisans. But, it was not long until the Germans found them. When the guards ordered the partisans to identify any Jews, everyone remained silent at first. Then a guard threatened to shoot them all if they didn't speak, so a woman pointed at Dora. The Germans bound Dora's hands, tied a rock around her neck, threw her in a river and shot her.

Dora was 19 years-old when was murdered.

Some young girls who were in the partisan group told the story of Dora's death to her sister, Berta, the only surviving member of Dora's family.

1. PERPETRATORS & COLLABORATORS
2. TARGETS
3. RESCUERS & RESISTANCE

Although stories of rescue are very popular, only a tiny percentage of the targeted populations was rescued.

Target &
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Amsterdam was liberated by Canadian troops in May 1945. Barbara moved to the United States in November 1947.



NAME:

Stefania (Fusia)
Podgorska

DATE OF BIRTH:

1925

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Lipa, Poland

ID CARD

UNITED STATES
HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
MUSEUM

Stefania was born in Poland to a Catholic family. They lived on a large farm and harvested many different crops.

Stefania's father died in 1938 after an illness. With her mother's approval, Stefania joined her sister in the city of Przemyśl to work in a grocery store owned by the Diamants, a Jewish family. They treated Stefania like family and she moved in with them when the Germans invaded Poland on September 14, 1939. According to a pact between Russia and Germany, the Soviets occupied Stefania's part of Poland. But the grocery store stayed open. Stefania's job was to shop in the market for food to sell to the grocery store's customers.

When the Germans took over Przemyśl from the Soviets in June 1941 everything changed. Like all Jews in the city, the Diamants were forced to leave their homes and move into a ghetto. Stefania's mother was sent to Germany for forced labor. Stefania was only 16 but had to care for her 6-year-old sister. She found them an apartment outside the ghetto and traded clothes for food. In 1942, news spread that the ghetto was being emptied. Stefania decided to help some Jews escape by hiding them. She moved into a cottage for more space. Soon, 13 Jews were living in a secret space in her attic.

The city was liberated on July 27, 1944. The Jews that Stefania helped to hide all survived the war. In 1961, she moved to the United States with Josef Diamant, whom she married.

Contextualize stories of rescue – what factors made it possible?



NAME:

Preben Munch-Nielsen

DATE OF BIRTH:

June 13, 1926

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Snekkersten, Denmark

ID CARD

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MUSEUM

Preben was born to a Christian family in a small fishing village on the sea in Denmark. He was raised by his grandmother.

Every day, Preben rode his bike 25 miles to school in the Danish capital city of Copenhagen. There were not many Jews in his school but he didn't think of them as different — to him they were just his classmates and friends. In Denmark, many people didn't care if someone was Jewish or not Jewish. Everyone was just a Dane.

By fifth grade, Preben and his classmates heard rumors that the Germans were getting ready to invade. His parents said that Adolf Hitler had promised not to invade Denmark, which made them feel safe.

But Hitler had lied. In April 1940, the German invasion had begun. Preben saw planes overhead and German officers in the street. He joined the resistance as a messenger. Then in October 1943, the Gestapo began hunting down Danish Jews.

The Danes began to help the Jews. They hid them in houses near the sea and brought them to boats. Under the cover of darkness, they took up to 12 Jews at a time across the sea to Sweden in fishing boats. The four-mile trip took about 50 minutes.

Preben helped move 1,400 Jews to safety in Sweden. He fled to Sweden as well in November 1943 when the Germans took over the Danish government. He came home when the war ended in May 1945.

Denmark was the only occupied country that actively resisted the Nazi regime's attempts to deport its Jewish citizens.

Why Denmark?

Legend: King Christian X wore a yellow star in support of the Danish Jews

Truth: King Christian X expressed firm objections to German deportation plans. Jews in Denmark were **not** required to wear yellow star.



CONTEXT

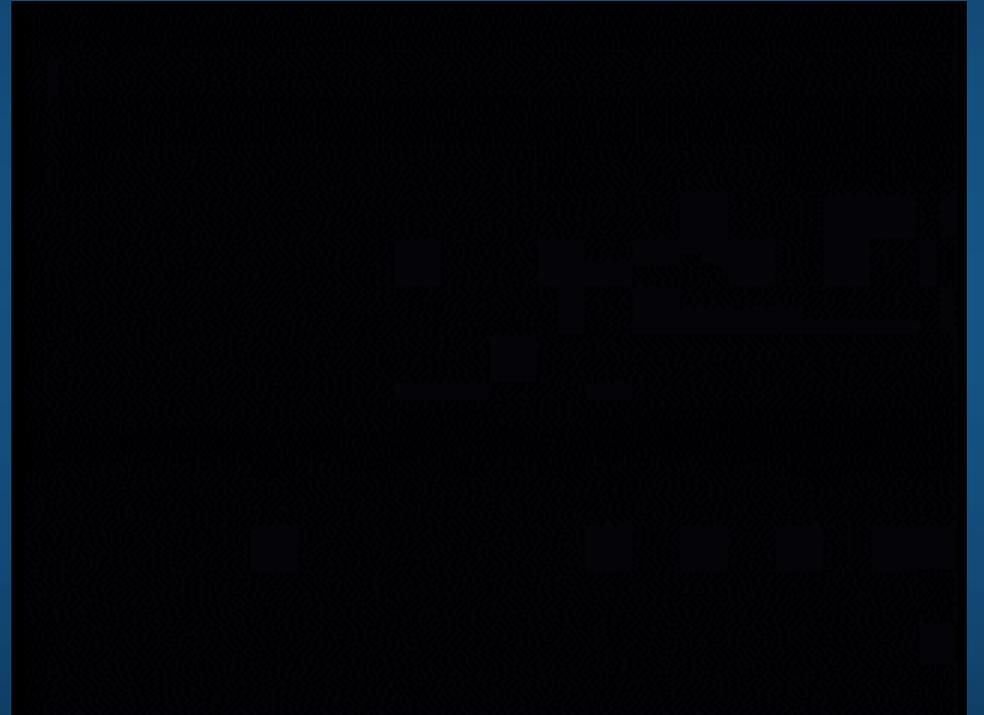
- Danish **government** continued to govern under German occupation.
- **Universities** closed down to allow students to participate in the rescue efforts.
- **Clergy** urged congregations to help the Jews.
- **Police** refused to cooperate with the German deportation experts.

Social and cultural identity was definitely part of it, but geography was a major contributing factor – use the maps on the back of the ID cards



CONTEXTUALIZE

- Oral History Interview with Preben Munch-Nielsen describing rescue of Jews in Denmark the Danish rescue
- Analyze the geographical location and features of Denmark using the map on the back of the ID card



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1. PERPETRATORS & COLLABORATORS
2. TARGETS
3. RESCUERS & RESISTANCE
4. **BYSTANDERS** *Which category do you think had the most people?*

ID CARDS ACTIVITY

Part 2: Prepare for cards

Part 3: Distribute the Cards

Part 4: Initiate Series of Questions



Do NOT use “you” when asking the questions about the cards.

Instead, use “your card” “your person” or “the person on the card.”



Do NOT use simulation activities when teaching about the Holocaust.

Do NOT put or ask your students to think about themselves in these situations.

Instead ask them how the person on their

card might have felt in these situations.

Raise your hand if you have a card with a red "J".



What does the red "J" mean?

What is the first thing you notice when you look at the card?

Those of you who have a card with a red "J":

Raise your hand if the person on your card died.



How did the person on your card die?

Disease – starvation – gas chamber - execution

CAUSES OF DEATH VARY

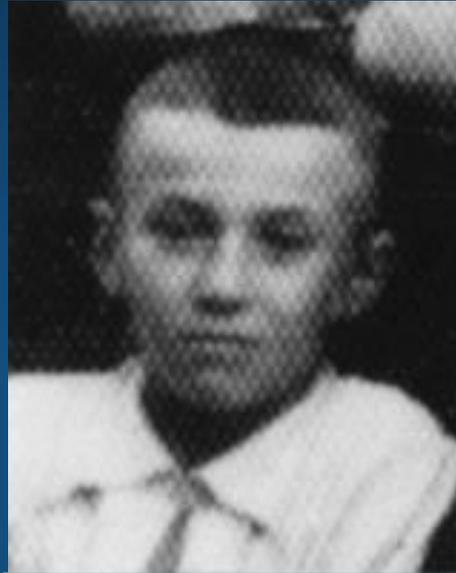
Not all victims of the Holocaust died in a gas chamber.



Helene
Melanie Lebel

Cause of death:
euthanasia

Age at death: ~29



Baruch
Szabasson

Cause of death:
Typhus

Age at death: 15



Blimcia Lische

Cause of death: Gas
chamber

Age at death: 3 ½

CAUSES OF DEATH VARY

Not all victims of the Holocaust died in a gas chamber.



Pola
Nussbaum

Cause of death: shot
while trying to escape
ghetto

Age at death: 19



Kalman
Kernweiss

Cause of death:
murdered by
antisemitic neighbors

Age at death: 21



Dora Rivkina

Cause of death:
Betrayed by fellow
partisans and shot

Age at death: 19

Those of you who have a card with a red “J”:
Raise your hand if the person on your card survived.



Where did he/she go after the war?
Why might someone have left Europe?



Raise your hand if the person on your card came to the US.
What about the US might have been particularly appealing to someone wanting to leave Europe?

If you have a card with a “J” or without a “J”:
Raise your hand if the person on your card resisted.



How did he/she resist?
What choice(s) did he/she make?

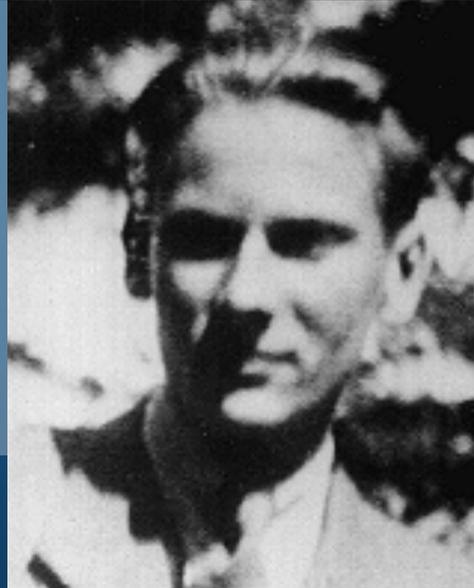
NON-JEWISH RESISTANCE

Individuals and groups throughout occupied Europe made the choice to resist the Nazis and their collaborators for various reasons but the consequence of being caught was often death regardless of a person's "racial" identity.

Jozef Wilk

Cause of death:
Warsaw ghetto
uprising

Age at death: 18



Gideon
Boissevain

Cause of death:
Execution

Age at death: 20

If you have a card with a “J” or without a “J”:

Raise your hand if the person on your card was a rescuer.



How did he/she rescue?

What choice(s) did he/she make?

STRIVE FOR BALANCE IN ESTABLISHING WHOSE PERSPECTIVE INFORMS YOUR STUDY OF THE HOLOCAUST.

- Out of 35 cards, only 2 are non-Jewish rescuers
- Only a tiny percentage of the targeted populations were rescued.

Stefania Fusia



Preben
Munch-
Nielsen

CONCLUDING THE ACTIVITY

- Emphasize choices

EXAMPLES TO EXPAND ACTIVITY

- Diagram
- Timeline
- Map
- Research: Testimony, Country, Camp

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Blimcia Lische	Kolbuszowa, Poland Jewish, Belzec, ghetto
Bruna Sevinl	Trieste, Italy Jewish, Resistance, Rescue
Ceija Stokja	Kraubath bei Knittelfeld, Austria Roma, Survivor
Celia Petranker	Stanislav, Poland Jewish, Resistance
Dora Rivkina	Minsk, Belorussia Jewish, Resistance, ghetto
Dorotka Goldstein	Warsaw, Poland Jewish, Survivor, Stutthof, ghetto
Eva Heyman	Oradea, Romania

