**Overview**

* Two meanings:
  1. Destruction of the Jewish people by the Nazi’s
  2. Destruction of cultures by the Nazi’s
* Cultures Targeted
  1. Jews
  2. Polish
  3. Russian
  4. Romanian
* Other targets
  1. Physically/Mentally disabled
  2. Homosexuals
  3. Political opponents
  4. Religious groups
* Anywhere from 11-17 million killed in concentration camp, killing center, or otherwise outside the scope of “battle conditions”.

**History of Jewish Persecution**

* Christian Persecution – Blamed for murdering Jesus. Crusades, inquisitions, expulsions, massacres throughout Europe for 1700 years.
  + 4th Lateran Council, Canon 68: Jews and Muslims must wear clothing to separate themselves from Christians
  + The Black Death of the 14th Century
  + *Wiener Gesera*: Destruction of Vienna Jews in 1421
  + *Mellah –* walled cities in the Arab world for Jews.
  + *Ghetto –* walled cities in Europe, first located in Italy, for confinement of Jews
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Rus: Devastation): systematic destruction of Jewish peoples in Russia, Ukraine, Poland in 19th and 20th centuries.

**Germany**

* Hitler takes power in 1933.
* Calls for immediate economic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jewish businesses and professions.
* Adolf Hitler, *Mein Kampf --*
* “Here he stops at nothing, and in his vileness he becomes so gigantic that no one need be surprised if among our people the personification of the devil as the symbol of all evil assumes the living shape of the Jew.”
* Strips all Jews of civil service (gov) positions, farm ownership, education jobs.

**Nuremberg Laws**

* Series of laws removing legal citizenship rights of Jews

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Sets the stage for who is a citizen of Germany
2. Law for the Protection of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – forbade sexual relations and most work relations between Jews and non-Jews.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the Reich Citizenship Law – legally clarified who is of Jewish ancestry.

* Purpose of these laws was to create a *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* (free of Jews) Germany.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1935) 32 Foreign countries refused to increase permitted Jewish immigration into their countries (except the Dominican Republic).
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: US allows 20,000 Jewish children in addition to the regular quota of Jews in the United States. Voted down in committee.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Britain reduces immigration quota to Palestine to 10,000 Jews a year.
* What country in the world had no restriction on Jewish immigration?
* China
* 200,000 Jews emigrated from Germany by 1938. 1/4.

**Kristallnacht: The Night of Broken Glass**

* November, 1938: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (German diplomat in Paris) murdered by Herschel Grynszpan, a Polish Jew.
* Touches off mass rioting in Germany for 2 days.
* Destruction of Jewish Synagogues, 100 deaths, 30,000 arrests.
* Jewish publications ceased.
* Jewish businesses must be [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_](http://www.aclu.org/organization-news-and-highlights/2007-youth-scholar-%E2%80%94-ryan-brown-denver-school-arts-denver-colo)to non-Jews.
* The Holocaust begins.

**War**

* German invasions of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Belgium, France, etc., add millions of Jewish people under the control of the Reich.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Forced removal of Jewish people from their homes and into ghettos
* *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ –* Resettlement plan of the Reich. Remove 35-40 million Slavic peoples from East Europe/Russia and resettle with Germans.

**Ghetto**

* 1000+ ghettos established in Nazi occupied territories. Forced removal of Jews from their homes to the ghettos
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*Judenrate*) – quasi-governmental body in charge of the ghetto under the authority of the Reich.
* 2 largest ghettos in Poland: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (400,000) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (200,000).
* Temporary locations for Jews while the Reich ponders a permanent plan.

**Conditions**

* Large population on small percentage of land – a few square miles.
* Food: Anywhere from 200-600 calories per day of bread. Smuggling rampant.
* Sanitation: depends where you live.
* Heat: little fuel to keep people warm
* Result: anywhere from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of people residing in ghettos from 1940-42 died because of starvation, disease, exposure.

**Final Solution**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: SS action squads responsible for frontline murder of undesirables.
* Gassings are common at concentration camps.
* Executions on the frontlines by German soldiers are inefficient. Hurts morale.
* 1942: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – meeting of top logistic, legal, military, cultural, foreign policy, Reich officials to organize the final solution. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ orchestrate.
* Operation Reinhard: Destruction of ghettos, removal of Jews from ghettos to concentration/death camps.

**Death Camps**

* Kulmhof (Chelmno), Belzec, Sobibor, Treblinka, Lublin (Majdanek), and Auschwitz
* Kulmof: gas vans – 150,000
* Belzec: carbon monoxide – 600,000
* Chelmno: 150,000 deaths. 2 survivors.
* Sobibor: gas – 250,000
* Treblinka: 700,000 – 800,000
* Lublin: 50,000 gassed or shot
* Auschwitz: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gas 1,000,000

**Liberation**

* From 1942-45 there are ghetto/camp uprisings. All fail.
* By the winter of 1944, the eastern camps were emptied and demolished. Prisoners were forced to march to western camps.
* Soviets liberate the death camps of Eastern Europe.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are established to prosecute those who commit:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (military)
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (civilian)

**Righteous Among Nations**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Israel’s official remembrance of the Holocaust
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Gentiles who risked their lives to save the lives of Jews.
* Poland: 6000
* France: 2500
* German: 500
* USA: 3