Holocaust Webquest

Go to the following website: <http://www.ushmm.org/outreach/> Click on the web links for each topic on The Holocaust: A Learning Site for Students and answer the questions.

Click on Hitler Comes to Power

1. Why was the mood grim in Germany in the 1930s?
2. What percent of the vote did the Nazi party get in 1924? What percent of the vote did the Nazi party get in 1932? What did the 1933 elections allow the Nazi party to do?

Click on The Nazi Terror Begins

1. What rights did individuals lose in Germany under the Nazis? Why?

Click on SS Police State

1. What are the SS? What did they do to people who opposed the Nazis?
2. What did the Gestapo do? Who created/led them?
3. What was Dachau? What did it become the ideal model for?

Click on Nazi Propaganda and Censorship

1. What did the Nazis do to any viewpoint they felt threatened by?
2. Who was the Nazi Propaganda Minister?
3. What types of books were burned by the Nazis starting in 1933?

Click on Nazi Racism

1. What was the “Germanic race” called? What did the ideal person look like?
2. Explain how the Nazis began to put their racial ideology into practice.

Click on The Murder of the Handicapped

1. Explain the euthanasia program. Who were its targets? How many people died?

Click on German Rule in Occupied Europe

1. What was Germany planning to do with the territories they conquered in the East?
2. How were people in Poland and other Eastern European countries treated compared to those in “Germanic” countries? Why?

Click on Jews in Prewar Germany

1. About how many Jews lived in Germany in 1933, and what percent of the German population were they?

Click on Jewish Life in Europe before the Holocaust

1. How many Jews lived in areas that would be occupied by Germany during World War II? What percent of the Jewish population would be dead in these occupied countries by the end of the war?
2. How were the Jews of Eastern and Western Europe different? What two European countries had the largest Jewish population just before World War II?

Click on Antisemitism

1. What is Antisemitism? What problems have Jews been blamed for throughout history?
2. Who was Karl Lueger and what did he do? Who looked up to him?

Click on The Nuremberg Race Laws

1. What did the Nuremberg Race Laws do?
2. Were the Nuremberg Race Laws enforced as strictly during the 1936 Olympics? Why?

Click on The “Night of Broken Glass”

1. Explain some of the key events and what happened during the Night of Broken Glass.

23. What happened to Jewish children after the Night of Broken Glass?

Click on The Evian Conference

1. Why did America not let Jewish refugees into the United States during the 1930s?

Click on The “Final Solution”

1. What was the “Final Solution”?
2. List out the 6 extermination camps. About how many Jewish people died in the Holocaust?

Click on Ghettos in Poland

1. What were the Ghettos used for?

 Click on Life in the Ghettos

1. What was life like for adults in the Ghettos?
2. What was life like for children in the Ghettos? What did they do?

Click on The Mobile Killing Squads

1. What country was invaded by Germany on June 22, 1941?
2. Who were the victims of the SS Special Action Squads? How did they kill their victims?

Click on The Wannsee Conference and the “Final Solution”

1. What was the date of the Wannsee Conference? What city was it held in?
2. What was said and planned by key Germans at the Wannsee Conference?

Click on At the Killing Centers

1. What types of people were usually the first to die at a concentration camp?
2. How did people profit from the corpses of the victims?

Click on Deportations

1. Why was gas chosen as the preferred method to kill people?

Click on Auschwitz

1. Explain the importance of Auschwitz to the Nazis? How many people died at Auschwitz?
2. What types of experiments did Dr. Josef Mengele perform on people? Who were his typical victims?

 Click on Prisoners of the Camps

1. What other groups of people besides Jews were victims of the Nazi concentration camp system?

Click on Forced Labor

1. Explain the forced labor system. Why did Germany use forced labor?

Click on Death Marches

1. Why did the death marches happen?

Click on Liberation

1. What happened to half of the survivors of Auschwitz within a few days of being freed?

Click on The Survivors

1. How were Jewish survivors of the Holocaust treated after WWII, especially in Poland?
2. What country was created in 1948? Why?

Click on The Nuremberg Trials

1. What were the Nuremberg Trials? What was their point?
2. Did Nazis escape justice? Where did many flee?

Click on Rescue and Resistance

1. Did many people help Jews escape or hide Jews during WWII?

Click on Rescue in Denmark

 48. What was unique about Nazi deportations of Jews in Denmark when compared to other countries that the Nazis conquered?

 49. How many of Denmark’s 8,000 Jews were able to escape to safety?

Click on The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

50. Explain what happened during the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

Click on Killing Center Revolts

51. Why do you think there were so few successful uprisings in the camps?

52. What were the jobs of the Sonderkommando?

Click on Resistance inside Germany

53. Who was the target of a serious assassination attempt in July of 1944?

 54. How did the White Rose organization oppose Nazi policies in Germany?

 55. What were the last words of the White Rose Organization?