

World War II

1939 - 1945

The Holocaust

The Holocaust Begins

- Hitler knowingly tapped into a hatred for Jews that had deep roots in European history.
- The Nazis passed laws depriving Jews of their rights, including forbidding marriage between Jews and non-Jews.
- While a number fled, many Jews remained in Germany and Hitler conquered territories where millions more lived.



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- Hitler's first solution was for Jews to immigrate to other countries. After admitting thousands, countries began to close their doors to further immigration.
- Hitler's next plan was to move Jews to designated cities. The Nazis herded Jews into dismal, overcrowded ghettos. The areas were sealed off with barbed wire and stone walls.



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The “Final Solution”

- Hitler called his last plan the “Final Solution.” He began systematically killing the entire race of people.
- He included other people he considered inferior in this plan.
- They included Roma (gypsies), Poles, Russians, Homosexuals, the insane, the disabled, and the incurably ill.



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- Hitler’s elite security moved from town to town to hunt down Jews. Once found, the people were shot by firing squads and buried in mass graves.



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- Others were put on trains and sent to concentration camps to work as slave labor.





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- Some camps included huge gas chambers for large scale extermination and ovens to burn the bodies.



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- Over 6 million Jews died in the camps and massacres. Less than 4 million survived.

