

An Introduction to the Holocaust

The Holocaust

- The Holocaust occurred in the broader context of World War II, 1939-1945.
- The Nazi goal to strengthen the German “master race” resulted in the persecution and murder of Jews and many others.

ANTISEMITISM

- A coined phrase that expresses hatred and fear of Jewish people.
- The Nazis built upon centuries of anti-Jewish sentiment—religious, economic, and political—but viewed the Jews as a separate and dangerous “race” that could never be assimilated into European society.
- Through concentration camps they murdered millions of Jewish people.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gl35CvS6Ha0>



Written Accounts of the Holocaust

- Written accounts of the horrors that occurred allowed survivors to tell their stories. It provides us contexts to what happened during the time, but also how those who survived are able to continue living after their lives have been destroyed. We must listen, and learn from what has happened. And that is why we will be focusing on survivors written accounts this unit.

Written Accounts of the Holocaust Cont.

- Night by Ellie Wiesel- an autobiographical account of his survival as a teenager in the Nazi concentration camps. (This is our novel of choice for this unit)
- <https://www.nunncenter.net/jewishkentucky/admin/items/show/343>
- <https://www.nunncenter.net/jewishkentucky/admin/items/show/346>