Nazi Holocaust

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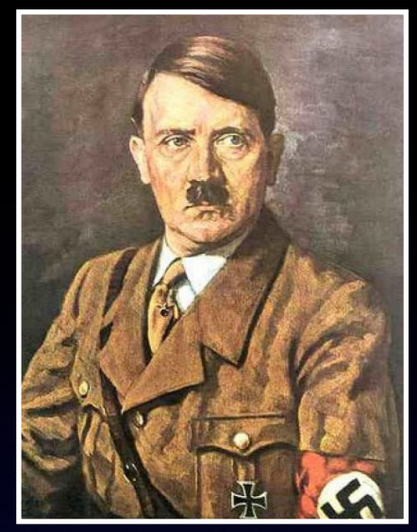
General Information



- Who: The Nazis and the Jewish People
- When: 1938 - 1945
- Where: Germany, then eventually Europe
- Total Losses: 6,000,000 deaths
- Did What?: Nazi followers attempted to exterminate the Jewish people from Europe.

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SWEDEN
Stockholm
FINLAND
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Leningrad
DENMARK
Baltic Sea
ESTONIA
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Channel Islands
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GERMANY
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Lvov
Rostov
SLOVAKIA
Budapest
HUNGARY
RUMANIA
Bucharest
Belgrade
YUGOSLAVIA
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SPAIN
Madrid
CORSICA
SARDINIA
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Axis Powers in 1939
Powers co operating with Axis
Territory occupied by Axis
France Vichy Governed
Neutrals
Unconquered

- Why- The Holocaust occurred because Hitler and the Germans repeatedly blamed the Jews for Germany's defeat in World War 1 and subsequent economic hardships. Germans also believed Jews were inferior, and didn't deserve to be treated as humans.

- How- Jews were starting to be gradually shut out of German society by the nazis through many laws and decrees such as the Nuremberg laws of 1935. The hatred towards Jews was finally let loose on the night acknowledged as the beginning of the Holocaust, The Night of Broken Glass (Kristallnacht). Jews were killed, synagogues burned, homes and businesses destroyed, and the first mass arrest took place where they were taken to concentration camps and ghettos. Many died from disease and hunger within these places but were also subjected to mass shootings and gas

- Classification- The Germans against Jews. Germans with fair skin, blond hair, and blue eyes were the supreme form of human. To Hitler, Jews were the racial opposite.

- Symbolization- The yellow Star of David

Dehumanization

Jews were portrayed as the enemies of the Germans and as plague carrying rats.

German street sign, circa 1936:
"Jews are not wanted here."

Organization

The Nazi Party: The attacks were carefully orchestrated smear campaigns. The Nazi Party had everyone against the Jews.

Polarization

The Nuremberg laws made the Jews unable to marry any Germans. Other groups started to turn against the laws

Preparation

Death camps were being constructed for Jews to be sent to. The Jews lived in ghettos and wore yellow stars.

Extermination

- Jews were told they were off to take a shower but they were really sent to gas chambers held in concentration camps used for mass murders.

Denial

- Germans tried hard to cover loose tracks.

- They coded languages
- Cremated bodies
- Gave false information