

## WHAT DOES THE HOLOCAUST TEACH US ABOUT OPPOSING HATRED AND CRUELTY?

### SELECTED RESOURCES ON THE HOLOCAUST AVAILABLE FROM THE AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### **The Holocaust: General Resources**

Bartel, Judy. The Holocaust: A Primary Source History. Gareth Stevens. 2006.  
Historical review interspersed with speech excerpts, government documents, telegram texts, letters, and more.

Berenbaum, Michael. The World Must Know: The History of the Holocaust as told in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. USHM. 2006.  
An excellent and accessible resource from an important source.

Berenbaum, Michael. A Promise to Remember: The Holocaust in the Words and Voices of Its Survivors. Bulfinch. 2003.  
Graphics, a CD of survivor testimony, and facsimiles of primary documents tell the story of the Holocaust in depth.

Gitlin, Marty. The Holocaust. ABDO. 2011.  
Accessible and thorough review from the “prelude to horror” to modern-day Holocaust denial.

Herman, Gail. What Was the Holocaust? Penguin. 2018.  
From the New York Times and WhoHQ, a history book for middle- and less-proficient high school readers. Illustrations and photos included.

Hill, Jeff. The Holocaust. Omnigraphics. 2006.  
Primary sources explore the Holocaust from its roots in 16<sup>th</sup> century European anti-Semitism to an examination of the importance of bearing witness.

Rogasky, Barbara. Smoke and Ashes: The Story of the Holocaust. Revised & Expanded Edition. Holiday House. 2002.  
Rogasky revisits her chilling account of Hitler’s rise to power, the extermination of millions of European Jews, and the efforts by some today to erase history.

Steele, Philip. The Holocaust: The Origins, Events, and Remarkable Tales of Survival. Scholastic. 2016.  
An accessible review, from Jewish origins in Europe to Holocaust remembrance.

Tonge, Neil. The Holocaust. Rosen. 2009.  
An accessible overview from the “Documenting World War II” series.

Wood, Angela. Holocaust: The Events and Their Impact on Real People. DK Publishing. 2007.

As is the DK tradition, photos and text work hand-in-hand to provide an excellent overview of events. Includes a DVD of survivor testimony.

### **The Holocaust: Stories of Role, Resistance, and Resilience**

Axelrod, Toby. Rescuers Defying the Nazis: Non-Jewish Teens Who Rescued Jews. Rosen. 1999.

(Accessible to middle school- and less-proficient high school readers.)

Broken Silence. Cinemax Reel Life. 2004. 285 min. (5 films)

Five documentaries, five directors, five countries. Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation presents this collection detailing survivors' experiences of rescue and betrayal.

Cassell, Faris. Unanswered Letter: One Holocaust Family's Desperate Plea For Help. Regnery History. 2020.

Fishkin, Rebecca Love. Heroes of the Holocaust. Compass Point. 2011.

(Accessible to middle school- and less-proficient high school readers.)

Gershman, Norman H. Besa: Muslims Who Saved Jews in World War II. Syracuse. 2008.

Hidden Child. PBS. 2007. 60 min.

The story of Maud Dahme and her sister, and that of other children hidden during the war, and of those whose compassion made their survival possible.

I'm Still Here: Real Diaries of Young People Who Lived During the Holocaust. MTV. 2008. 48 min.

Brings to life the diary entries found in Alexandra Zapruder's 2002 book, "Salvaged Pages: Young Writer's Diaries of the Holocaust." Features narration by Elijah Wood, Joaquin Phoenix, Ryan Gosling, Kate Hudson, and other well-known actors

Kahn, Leora, and Hager, Rachel, eds. "When They Came to Take My Father": Voices of the Holocaust. Arcade. 2012.

Survivor narratives with compelling portraits.

Lyman, Darryl. Holocaust Rescuers: Ten Stories of Courage. Enslow. 1999.

(Accessible to middle school- and less-proficient high school readers.)

Nicky's Family. Passion River. 2013. 96 min.

Documentary footage, dramatic re-enactment, and personal interviews tell the story of Britain's Nicholas Winton, who saved the lives of 669 children from Czechoslovakia.

Opdyke, Irene Gut. In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer. Knopf. 1999.  
Compelling memoir of a 17-year-old nurse thrust into circumstances she could not have imagined and risking her life to save others.

Paldiel, Mordecai. Diplomat Heroes of the Holocaust. KTAV. 2007.

Paldiel, Mordecai. The Righteous Among the Nations: Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust. Yad Vashem. 2007.

Rosenberg, Maxine B. Hiding to Survive: Stories of Jewish Children Rescued from the Holocaust. Clarion. 1994.

Personal narratives tell the story of hidden children, and of their lives after the war.  
(Accessible to middle school- and less-proficient high school readers.)

Rubin, Susan Goldman. Irena Sendler and the Children of the Warsaw Ghetto. Holiday House. 2011.

The important story of a Righteous Gentile printed in a picture book format but with text appropriate for middle school- and less-proficient high school readers.

Ruelle, Karen Gray and DeSaix, Deborah Durland. The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews During the Holocaust. Holiday House. 2009.

(Accessible to middle school- and less-proficient high school readers.)

Secret Lives: Hidden Children and Their Rescuers During World War II. Wellspring. 2004. 72 min.

Shackleton, Kath. Survivors of the Holocaust: The Stories of Six Extraordinary Children. Sourcebooks Explore. 2019.

Each true story is a powerful testament to the survivors' individual experiences. (In more accessible graphic novel format.)

Smith, Lyn. Remembering: Voices of the Holocaust. Carrol & Graf. 2005.

A history of the Holocaust told through the words of its survivors.

Taylor, Peter Lane. The Secret of the Priest's Grotto. A Holocaust Survival Story. Kar-Ben. 2007.

Survival in the underground labyrinths of Western Ukraine. (Accessible to middle school- and less-proficient high school readers.)

Wallenberg, Raoul. Letters and Dispatches, 1924-1944. Arcade. 1995.

Wallenberg in his own words.

Zapruder, Alexandra, ed. Salvaged Pages: Young Writers' Diaries of the Holocaust. Yale. 2002.

Extensive excerpts from fifteen diaries convey the range of experiences of young people during the Holocaust.

## Website Resources

**(A Note to Teachers: Some websites claiming to be about the Holocaust are actually the work of those who seek to minimize or deny it. Your review of web resources is essential to your students' learning. The websites listed here have been reviewed for authenticity and accuracy.)**

<https://echoesandreflections.org/teach/?src=hp>

Echoes and Reflections Lesson Plans and other Holocaust Education resources.

<http://iwitness.usc.edu/SFI/>

With over 1500 video testimonies, activities, and multimedia resources, IWitness provides educators and students with tools to work with testimony. Educators can build custom activities or use already-prepared activities, and students can build their own videos, word clouds and much more.

[http://mjhnyc.org/app/uploads/2017/06/MHWH\\_TeachersGuide.pdf](http://mjhnyc.org/app/uploads/2017/06/MHWH_TeachersGuide.pdf)

Meeting Hate with Humanity: Life During the Holocaust.

Free download of an excellent Teacher's Guide from the Museum of Jewish Heritage.

<http://www.museumoftolerance.com/education/teacher-resources/>

Excellent resource includes documents, eyewitness accounts, and historical background. Includes "36 Question About The Holocaust":

<http://www.museumoftolerance.com/education/teacher-resources/holocaust-resources/36-questions-about-the-holocaust.html>

<http://college.usc.edu/vhi/>

USC Shoah Foundation Institute

Fifty-two thousand video testimonies of Holocaust survivors and other witnesses.

Includes online exhibits and multimedia lessons.

[www.socialstudies.com](http://www.socialstudies.com)

Social Studies School Service

Excellent source for materials on the Holocaust.

[www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org)

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

A wealth of research and testimony on the Holocaust and contemporary genocide, including this link to introductory information, useful maps, and a timeline of events: <http://www.ushmm.org/learn>. See especially: “Some Were Neighbors: Collaboration and Complicity in the Holocaust” <http://somereneighbors.ushmm.org/> and “Flight and Rescue” <http://www.ushmm.org/exhibition/flight-rescue/index.php>

<https://www.yadvashem.org/education/educational-materials.html>

Educational materials (lesson plans, videos, etc.) from Yad Vashem. Includes powerful online exhibitions (<http://www.yadvashem.org/exhibitions>) contest-relevant resources listed under “Bystanders” ([http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/holocaust/resource\\_center/item.asp?gate=2-52](http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/holocaust/resource_center/item.asp?gate=2-52))

See also the Yad Vashem playlist for filmed Holocaust testimonies at [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=yad+vashem+testimonies](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=yad+vashem+testimonies)