

The Yr 8 Holocaust Knowledge Organiser

A History of anti-Semitism

- Jews were persecuted in the Middle Ages. In 1190, 150 Jews were massacred in York and all Jews were expelled in 1290.
- In many European countries, Jews were blamed for spreading the Black Death and were banned from owning land.
- In the 1800s, millions of Jews fled the Russian Empire because of pogroms against them.



British responses to the Holocaust

- **1938-39:** Nicholas Winton saved 669 children from Czechoslovakia via kindertransport.
- **1939:** Britain did not allow in Jewish refugees unless they could prove they had enough money.
- **1940:** Internment camps for German-Jewish citizens set up on the Isle of Man.
- **1942:** Churchill states that saving Jews was never an allied aim.



How did the Nazis persecute Jews?

- **1933:** Jews were excluded from the civil service and from schools and universities. Nazi SA organised boycotts of Jewish-owned shops.
- **1935:** Nuremberg Laws were passed. Jews could no longer be citizens and marriage between Jews and Aryans was banned.
- **1938 9 November:** Kristallnacht. Jewish homes, businesses & synagogues were attacked all over Germany. Many Jews were killed and thousands arrested.
- **1939-41:** Millions of Jews living in Poland & USSR came under Nazi control. Many were shot or kept in ghettos.
- **1942:** Leading Nazis agreed upon a Final Solution to the Jewish problem. Death camps would be used to eradicate Jews from Europe.

Anti-Semitism	Hostility or discrimination against Jews as a religious group or race.
Aryan	The Superior Nazi race of people. They had blond hair, blue eyes and were athletic and tall.
Concentration camps	Prison camps set up by the Nazis from 1933. The Nazis put political enemies, criminals, homosexuals, gypsies and Jews inside them. They eventually became death camps.
SA	Nazi Stormtroopers – The Nazi Party's political military force who enforced their laws on the streets
Untermensch	A Nazi term to describe Jews, it means someone who is racially inferior to the Nazis
Gestapo	The Nazi secret police
Synagogue	The Jewish place of worship
Swastika	The Nazi symbol
Roma	The Roma people, widely known as gypsies