

Teaching about the Holocaust through Social Studies Menu (and links)

Introduction

The following represents suggested unit outlines based on the specific amount of classroom time available. Since schedules, class period length, and the needs of individual classes and students can vary, you may need to make adjustments or accommodations that best fit your students and needs.

Before you begin

Before beginning any unit or lesson on the Holocaust, we highly recommend closely reviewing the [guidelines for teaching about the Holocaust](#), as well as intentionally establishing your [rationale and proposed learning outcomes](#). We also highly encourage creating a safe and respectful learning environment by engaging your students in the “foundations” lesson plans listed below, as well as considering these [SEL resources](#).

If you have only one week

Lesson	Time needed	Materials (lesson plans linked below)
Foundations	2 days	<p>Day 1: Exploring Identity (handouts) Universe of Obligation</p> <p>Day 2: Pyramid of Hate (including vocab and definition of Holocaust) Survivor Voices -26 min introduction film (Handout)</p>
Antisemitism and the Holocaust	3 days	<p>Day 3: Judaism and Antisemitism</p> <p>Day 4: Phases of the Holocaust 7 minute film (Handout) Reading: The Night of the Pogrom Reading: The Jewish Ghettos: Separated from the World Reading: The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Reading</p> <p>Day 5: The “Final Solution” from Echoes and Reflections</p>

If you have two or more weeks

Lesson	Time needed	Materials (lesson plans linked below)
Foundations	5 days	<p>Day 1: Exploring Identity (handouts) and Universe of Obligation</p> <p>Day 2: Pyramid of Hate (including vocab and definition of Holocaust) Survivor Voices 26 min introduction film (Handout)</p> <p>Day 3: Judaism and Antisemitism</p> <p>Day 4/5: Pre-War Jewish Life (Handouts)</p>
Rise of National Socialism and the Nazis in Germany (1933-1939)	1- 2 days	<p>Day 6: The Nazi Rise to Power Film (5 minute video from Facing History) or Path to Nazi Genocide Film Chapter 1 (13 minutes) and Chapter 2 (7 minutes) Laws and the National Community (Reading and questions)</p>
From Persecution to Murder: Expansion and Ghettos (1939-1941)	1-2 days	<p>Day 7: Phases of the Holocaust 7 minute film (Handout) or Path to Nazi Genocide Chapter 4 (14 minutes) The War Against Poland: Speed and Brutality and The War on Jews in Poland (reading and questions)</p> <p>Day 9: Establishment of the Ghettos and the Jewish Response or The Jewish Ghettos: Separated from the World</p>
The Holocaust: Einsatzgruppen, Camps, and the Final Solution (1941-1945)	1 day	<p>Day 10: The “ Final Solution” War of Annihilation: Targeting the Jews of Europe Film (10 minutes)</p>
Jewish Resistance and Rescue	2 Days	<p>Day 11 and 12: Jewish Resistance Refugees and Rescuers: The Courage to Act The Holocaust: The Range of Responses</p>
Liberation and Post-War	1-2 Days	<p>Day 13 and 14: Liberation Facing History Scholar Reflections: The Nuremberg Trials</p>