

Jews Rights In The Holocaust

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Group Website

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My partner and I chose the topic of the Jews Rights In The Holocaust for our History Day project. Working as individuals, we each began research around the theme for History Day, "Rights and Responsibilities." We realized we had similar research, so we decided to combine our projects. We continued our research while tying into the theme with ideas including the *responsible* parties, and the drastic loss and regaining of *rights* for Jews. Another reason that we chose this topic is because we both have a Jewish heritage and this topic is close to our hearts.

In our research, we found a plethora of resources for our topic. We used the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's website for a large portion of information on a wide variety of topics, helping us develop a detailed understanding of the Holocaust. We also used Elie Wiesel's book, *Night*, for our research and for a primary account of events during the Holocaust. Similarly, we used *The Diary of Anne Frank* for another first hand experience of Jews in the Holocaust. Furthermore, we sifted through piles of books in our school's library to find useful information that could help us convey our ideas. We used multiple online databases, that our school subscribes to, to collect more information such as articles, newspapers, and videos.

It took a great deal of effort to build our website. We began by organizing our site with a storyboard to lay out our links and titles. The design of the website is in a chronological order from the beginning to the end of the Holocaust. Once we completed our final draft of our storyboard, we transformed our ideas into a website. On the website, we inputted all of our research into the correlating pages. We carefully chose a theme, fonts, colors, and text sizes for our website that were clean, easy to read, and separated our words from the primary sources. On each page we added our information, related pictures (with captions), and primary sources pertaining to the pages topic. We spent a large portion of time creating an html (coding language) timeline that was interactive and not just a stationary text.

Our topic, Jews Rights In The Holocaust, relates to this year's theme because the Holocaust involved drastic changes in rights and responsibilities for several parties. In the Holocaust, the Jewish people lost almost all of their *rights*, due to the Nazi party who were *responsible* for the Jewish people's loss of *rights*. There were other responsible parties involved in the Holocaust, including Hitler. Furthermore, not only was the Jews loss of *rights* significant, but also the slow *regaining* of the same rights was a remarkable process. We researched the specific *rights* that the Jews lost in the Holocaust to show how no other genocide in history can compare to the Holocaust.