

THE HOLOCAUST

What do you know about the Holocaust?

The Holocaust took place during World War II. **Hitler and the Nazi party** thought that the German Aryan race should become the “**master race**,” and wanted to get rid of anyone whom they thought was inferior. The **Holocaust** is what we call the mass killing of these people.



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The Holocaust was a genocide in which millions of people were killed by the Nazis. Many people were killed because they were Jewish, but others were killed because they were gay, disabled, or had other characteristics that the Nazis considered inferior. People were killed and sent to **concentration camps** where they were kept in terrible conditions and sent to become slaves for the Nazis. The Diary of Anne Frank tells the story of one family who went into hiding.



The Holocaust did not just affect the Jews. Hitler and the Nazis wanted to get rid of any person that he thought was “**undesirable**,” including African-Americans, Gypsies, and people with disabilities. Hitler tried to kill entire groups of people. This is known as **genocide**.

After World War II, there were laws created to keep people safe, but it was too late for the millions of people who died during the Holocaust.