

Holocaust Educational Resources

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Digital Education

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Resources for Teaching Online

<https://www.ushmm.org/teach/fundamentals/teaching-online>

Includes several new resources related to teaching the Holocaust online. There are brand new lessons, including one on Nazi Racism, as well as a new student worksheet for *Path to Nazi Genocide*. The page also contains an updated bibliography.

Holocaust Encyclopedia

<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/en>

The Holocaust Encyclopedia provides an introduction to the Holocaust with clickable links that lead to more in-depth topics such as the targeting of specific populations for persecution and the Holocaust's aftermath. There are 850 articles available as well as testimonies, videos, and critical thinking discussions.

Series: Roma

<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/series/roma>

Roma were among the groups of people singled out for persecution by the Nazi regime and its Axis partners. Browse this series of articles to better understand Romani history; the history of discrimination against Roma in Europe; and how and why the Nazi regime committed genocide against European Roma during World War II.

THE WIENER HOLOCAUST LIBRARY

The Holocaust Explained Online Resource

<https://www.theholocaustexplained.org>

The website aims to answer common questions in an accessible, reliable and engaging way. The content has been designed for learners from the age of 13 to 18, and is organized across nine clearly defined topic areas.

YAD VASHEM: THE WORLD HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE CENTER

Video Lecture Series

<https://www.yadvashem.org/holocaust/video-lectures.html>

Pre-recorded past lectures with scholars and professors about various educational topics (e.g., Eichmann Trial, Holocaust in Lithuania, Modern Antisemitism, Holocaust Denial, Development of the Final Solution, etc.).

CENTROPA

Primary and Secondary Sources for Classroom Teaching

<https://www.centropa.org/en>

Centropa asked over 1,200 elderly Jews in 15 Central and Eastern European countries to recount their life stories. They digitized over 23,000 photographs of Jewish life from the end of the 19th century through the first decade of the 21st century, translated over 700 interviews into English, and produce short, multimedia films ranging in length from 3 to 30 minutes that tell the stories. Centropa collects classroom-tested lessons from teachers on three continents and uploads them to their website; all are available for download.

FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES

General Holocaust History Resources

<https://www.facinghistory.org/topics/holocaust>

Facing History and Ourselves provides resources, webinars, and lesson plans a wide array of subjects about as well as connected to the Holocaust.

JEWISH VIRTUAL LIBRARY

The Holocaust Wing

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/the-holocaust>

The Jewish Virtual Library offers 25,000 entries in its online encyclopedia. One of the library's ten sections is dedicated to information about the Holocaust and provides primary sources and references categorized by specific topics such as persecution, the world's reaction, and the aftermath.

KUPFERBERG HOLOCAUST CENTER (KHC)

Roma And Sinti Human Rights in the Balkans

<https://khc.qcc.cuny.edu/blog/roma-conference/>

Explore past events and resources put together by the KHC and the Harriman Institute at Columbia University to bring together top Roma scholars, advocates, and practitioners who are working to advance the human rights and dignity of Roma and Sinti people throughout the Balkans.

THE JEWISH MUSEUMS PROJECT, POWERED BY JMUSE

<https://jmuseums.org/>

This project focuses on the work of Jewish museums around the world, showcasing carefully curated resources, collection and exhibition analysis, historical perspective, and contemporary discourse. The site supports the dissemination of knowledge and works to ensure that Jewish museums can continue to serve as a backbone of Jewish cultural engagement in communities around the world, as well as invites online visitors to learn more about the vast potential of these institutions.

Teaching Guides and Classroom Resources

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Thematic Poster Sets

<https://www.ushmm.org/teach/poster-sets>

Includes poster sets for topics such as American Witnesses, State of Deception/Nazi Propaganda, Some Were Neighbors, the Holocaust (concise history), American Responses, Early Warning Signs, Justice and Accountability, Liberation, and Rescue. Sets come with informational slides, selected readings, videos, and/or related testimony transcripts.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA

Educator Resources & Training

<https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/educator-resources>

The Holocaust Museum LA's comprehensive, common core curricula-aligned Teacher's Guides give teachers the tools to teach the Holocaust to students through survivor testimony and primary sources, using as examples student-created short films about the lives of Holocaust survivors.

ECHOES AND REFLECTIONS

Teaching the Holocaust: Resources for Educators

<https://echoesandreflections.org>

Toolbox of teaching resources, including lesson plans, glossary, timeline, reflection questions for students, videos, and webinars to introduce the Holocaust in the classroom.

Timeline of the Holocaust

<https://echoesandreflections.org/timeline-of-the-holocaust/>

A resource for students that chronicles key dates in the history of the Holocaust from 1933 through 1945. Teachers can click on the icon in the upper-right corner to find classroom instruction resources.

CENTROPA

Short Multimedia Films

<https://www.centropa.org/en/films>

Centropa's short documentary films cover historical events or topics, such as the origins of Sephardic Jews in the Balkans, or the changing borders of Central and Eastern Europe from the partitions of Poland to the dissolution of Yugoslavia. They additionally have short films sharing the stories of people alive across Europe during World War II.

Thematic Websites

<https://www.centropa.org/en/our-sites>

Centropa's thematic websites focus on a particular topic to offer teachers more in-depth information. Their pages include subjects such as Kristallnacht, the Kindertransport, Lost Sephardic Jews of the Balkans, and the Holocaust in Hungary.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON CENTRE FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Classroom Material

<https://www.holocausteducation.org.uk/teacher-resources/materials/>

The Centre for Holocaust Education provides a curriculum on the Holocaust, including open-access lesson plans and classroom materials that can be downloaded.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE (IHRA)

Recommendations for Teaching and Learning about the Holocaust

<https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/resources/educational-materials/ihra-recommendations-teaching-and-learning-about-holocaust>

The IHRA's newly-updated recommendations are crafted to help educators with fact-based and educationally sound techniques for teaching the complex and nuanced history of the Holocaust.

Holocaust Survivor Oral Testimonies

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

https://collections.ushmm.org/search/?f%5Bf_testimony%5D%5B%5D=avinterviews

Collection of more than 80,000 oral histories, as a mix of video interviews and audio files.

USC SHOAH FOUNDATION VISUAL HISTORY ARCHIVE

<https://vhaonline.usc.edu/login>

One of the largest online video archives, including testimonies related to the Holocaust, Armenian genocide, Nanjing massacre, Cambodian genocide, Guatemalan genocide, Rwandan genocide, and the Srebrenica (Bosnia) genocide.

FORTUNOFF VIDEO ARCHIVE FOR HOLOCAUST TESTIMONIES AT YALE UNIVERSITY

<https://fortunoff.library.yale.edu/research/search-the-archive/>

Collection of over 4,400 Holocaust testimonies collected in 1979 by the Holocaust Survivors Film Project.

YAHAD-IN UNUM

<https://www.yahadinunum.org/fieldwork/>

Includes a number of oral testimonies related to the Holocaust by Bullets (mass murder carried out by firing squads). Use the drop-down menu "Our Projects" at the top of the page and explore their "In-Evidence" to filter fieldwork testimonies by country.

YAD VASHEM: THE WORLD HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE CENTER

<https://www.yadvashem.org/holocaust/video-testimonies.html>

Search through the oral histories by place or topic in the drop-down menu. They are short excerpts of testimony from interviews.

LEO BAECK INSTITUTE AT THE CENTER FOR JEWISH HISTORY

<https://www.lbi.org/collections/austrian-heritage-collection/>

Over 700 interviews with Austrian-Jewish émigrés who fled to the United States to escape Nazi persecution.

CENTROPA

<https://www.centropa.org/en/biographies>

Centropa's interviews with over 1,200 elderly Jews in Central and Eastern Europe who returned to or stayed in their home countries after the Holocaust, sharing what it was like growing up before the war, their wartime experiences, and how they rebuilt their lives after the war.

Virtual Exhibitions and Tours

KUPFERBERG HOLOCAUST CENTER

Full Catalog of Past Exhibitions

<https://khc.qcc.cuny.edu/blog/exhibit/>

All past KHC exhibition catalogs are available online as PDF flipbooks. The links below include written content, digital artifacts, and library guides featured in each exhibit.

The Concentration Camps: Inside the Nazi System of Incarceration & Genocide,

<https://khc.qcc.cuny.edu/camps/> (includes a virtual tour)

Survivance & Sovereignty on Turtle Island: Engaging with Contemporary Native American Art,

<https://khc.qcc.cuny.edu/blog/exhibit/survivance/>

Conspiracy of Goodness, <https://khc.qcc.cuny.edu/goodness/>

The Jacket from Dachau, <https://khc.qcc.cuny.edu/jacket/>

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Full List of Interactive Exhibition Links

<https://www.ushmm.org/information/exhibitions/online-exhibitions>

Includes digital engagement for past exhibitions at USHMM on topics such as Americans and the Holocaust; Some Were Neighbors: Choice, Human Behavior, and the Holocaust; State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda; Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race; Anne Frank the Writer; Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals; Voyage of the St. Louis; and the 1936 Nazi Olympics.

NANCY AND DAVID WOLF HOLOCAUST & HUMANITY CENTER, OH

History of the Holocaust

<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=jtYqqGDPZHS>

Users can click through 360 views of different exhibition boards and rooms throughout the Center.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA

360-Degree Virtual Tour

<https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/360-tour>

Explore and interact with the Museum's core exhibition, architecture, archival collection, and survivor oral history collection.

Symbols of Hate: Nazi Terror and Deception

[Symbols of Hate: Nazi Terror and Deception: A Presentation by Jordanna Gessler](#)

VP of Education and Exhibits Jordanna Gessler leads viewers on a guided virtual tour through the Symbols of Hate exhibition.

Audio-Visual Resources

PBS

The U.S. And The Holocaust, a documentary by Ken Burns

<https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/us-and-the-holocaust/>

This film is a three-part, six-hour series that examines America's response to the Holocaust. Through riveting firsthand testimony of witnesses and survivors who as children endured persecution, violence, and flight as their families tried to escape Hitler, this series delves deeply into the tragic human consequences of public indifference, bureaucratic red tape, and restrictive quota laws in America.

MOMENT MAGAZINE

Wide River Project, Eric Ward and Nadine Epstein

<https://momentmag.com/category/zoominar-library/wide-river-project/>

This year-long webinar series that takes a deep dive into the art, history, and issues that both unite and divide the Black and Jewish communities.

CENTROPA

Centropa Stories: The Podcasts

<https://podcast.centropa.org/>

Centropa's podcast series brings to life the experiences of interviewees through audio and interview excerpts read by professional actors.

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST HISTORY MUSEUM

12 Years That Shook the World

<https://www.ushmm.org/learn/podcasts-and-audio/12-years-that-shook-the-world>

Pilot podcast created by USHMM that explores how the 12-year history of the Holocaust has shaped our lives.

Public Radio Special: Confronting Hatred 70 Years after the Holocaust

<https://www.ushmm.org/antisemitism/podcast/public-radio-special-confronting-hatred-70-years-after-the-holocaust>

An hour-long special that discusses racism, antisemitism, and the growth of hatred throughout the country.

First Person Podcast Series

<https://www.ushmm.org/remember/holocaust-survivors/first-person-conversations-with-survivors/first-person>

Episodes include excerpts from 48 interviews conducted with Holocaust survivors at USHMM.

Voices on Antisemitism

<https://www.ushmm.org/antisemitism/podcast>

A podcast that features a broad range of perspectives about antisemitism and hatred.

Those Who Were There: Voices from the Holocaust

<https://fortunoff.library.yale.edu/podcasts/>

Podcasts draw from the more than 4,000 oral histories collected by the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale University.

KANOPY VIDEO STREAMING DATABASE

LINK: <https://qccuny.kanopy.com>

ONLY ACCESSIBLE TO CUNY COLLEGES WITH AN INSTITUTIONAL SUBSCRIPTION

Kanopy is a video database that has a wide selection of films, documentaries, and series episodes. Films can be downloaded from the database for 72 hours. Students will need to register with their CUNY credentials (i.e. John.Smith##@login.cuny.edu) to access. Faculty can use their faculty email address to register.

Users can search by subject terms. Films that can be normally found in the KHC Holocaust DVD Library can also be accessed through Kanopy. They include, but are not limited to the following titles:

TITLE	KANOPY LINK
A Film Unfinished (2010) A movie about an unfinished film which portrays the people behind and before the camera in the Warsaw Ghetto.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/film-unfinished
Holy Silence (2020) This film tells the story of the actions – and inactions – of the Vatican in response to the rise of Nazi Germany and the horrors of the Holocaust.	https://www.kanopy.com/en/qccuny/video/11731261
As If I Am Not There (2010) A harsh dose of cinematic realism about a harsh time, the Bosnian War of the 1990s, the film is based on true stories from the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/if-i-am-not-there
Au Revoir Les Enfants (1987) A French boarding school run by priests seems to be a haven from World War II until a new student arrives. He becomes the roommate of the top student in his class.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/au-revoir-les-enfants
Bent (1997) In 1930s Berlin, a homosexual Jewish man is sent to a Nazi concentration camp.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/bent
Denial (2016) Acclaimed writer and historian Deborah E. Lipstadt must battle for historical truth to prove the Holocaust actually occurred when David Irving, a renowned denier, sues her for libel.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/denial
Forgiving Dr. Mengele (2006)	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/forgiving-dr-mengele

A documentary film about Eva Mozes Kor, a survivor of the Holocaust, and Dr. Josef Mengele and his staff, who experimented on her and her twin sister Miriam Mozes, as well as approximately 1,400 other twin pairs.	
Ghosts of Rwanda (2004) PBS Frontline special marking the 10th anniversary of the 1994 Rwandan genocide.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/frontline-ghosts-rwanda
In the Shadows of the Reich: Nazi Medicine (1997) The film examines the step-by-step process that led the German medical profession down an unethical road to genocide.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/nazi-medicine-shadow-reich-cross-and-star
Memory of the Camps (1984) PBS Frontline special with footage of Allied troops entering Nazi concentration camps in 1945 documents the horrors of Dachau, Auschwitz and Buchenwald.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/frontline-memory-camps
Night and Fog (1955) Framed as a documentary, the film is an unsettling view of life inside the Nazi concentration camps of World War II.	https://www.kanopy.com/en/qccuny/video/113009
The Great Dictator (1940) American political satire comedy-drama film written, directed, produced, scored by, and starring British comedian Charlie Chaplin.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/great-dictator
I Have Never Forgotten You: The Life and Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal (2006) This rare biography provides an intimate portrait of famed Nazi hunter and humanitarian, Simon Wiesenthal.	https://www.kanopy.com/en/qccuny/video/10362084
The Optimists (2000) The documentary explores the story of 8,500 Bulgarian Jews who, in 1943, were rounded up to await deportation to a concentration camp before being suddenly sent home.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/optimists
The Rape of Europa (2006) This documentary explores the effects of the cultural destruction perpetrated by the Nazis across Europe, and examines the ongoing struggle to recover and return the stolen art.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/rape-europa-0
To Be or Not To Be (1942) American war comedy film about a troupe of Polish actors stranded in the Nazi-occupied Warsaw of World War II.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/be-or-not-be
Watchers of the Sky (2014) Four modern stories of remarkable courage while setting out to uncover the forgotten life of Raphael Lemkin, the man who coined the term 'genocide'. Inspired by Samantha Power's Pulitzer Prize-winning book, 'A Problem From Hell.'	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/watchers-sky
Weapons of the Spirit (Classroom Version) (1989) Pierre Sauvage's documentary that tells the story of Jewish rescue in the French-Protestant town of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon during the war.	https://qccuny.kanopy.com/video/weapons-spirit