

Holocaust Wiki Project

AP World History

<http://www.ahistoryteacher.com/apwhreview>

Part 1: Creating the Background

During this part of the project, you will be developing the family that will guide you through the different stages of the Holocaust. It is important that you consider your assigned geographic location. Your background will include:

- Life in your country before the Nazis came to power. This section is important to understand how much life changed at the arrival of the Nazis. It should include the role of Jews in the city or country you have been assigned.
- Authentic names for your country and religion.
- A short biography of each person. This is where you will begin to develop your characters. You want to make them real people, include interests, jobs, and anything about the family dynamic that might play into the story later.

Process

1. Use the Test Link and the Country Links to research your country and possible names.
2. Create your background page in the appropriate project site using the following titles:
 - o Life before the Nazis
 - o Family Member: Name and Role
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You can determine the make up of the family. You may go with a traditional family with two parents and two children or include grandparents or other family members.

Part 2: Developing the Branching Simulation

Based upon the background you developed in Part 1, develop a branching simulation. Requirements include:

- At least 12 major decision points.
- Each decision point must provide a description of events leading up to the decision (it could include dialogue, description of actions by family members and others). Major events in your country should be included here.
- Each decision point must have only two choices. For each choice, a description of the pros and cons should be discussed.
- Specific consequences for each choice should start the next decision point page.
- An Intersection Point with at least one group at a location and situation to be determined by the groups.

- The stages of the Holocaust relevant to your country (as listed on the Country Requirements page)
- An instance of rescue by a non-Jew or an instance of resistance - successful or not.
- All of your decision paths need to end - either in survival or death. Be sensitive in these descriptions, you are basing these simulations of the actual events and people.

Process

1. The instructor will review the requirements of the branching simulation and provide an overview of the web site resources.
2. Using the provide Resource Links and Country Links, student groups will develop a Progression of Events Chart that incorporates the specific Country Requirements. Be sure to make arrangements with at least one other group for an Intersection Point.
3. Once the Progression of Events Chart has been approved by the teacher, you will begin development of the Decision Points pages.
4. You will start your branching simulation on the Background page you completed in Part 1.