



## **Pathfinder: Holocaust Unit**

This pathfinder is to help you with research for the Jewish Holocaust, which took place during World War II, for your freshman English class.

**Search Tools:** When you are in the library you can use one of our two catalog lookup stations to find books that you need. From any computer in the high school you can use the same catalog by using the following URL 10.1.9.75:8080

**Introductory Materials:** Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation along with other terms and ideas to expand your search.

**Terms and Keywords:** Use Alexandria, our on-line catalog, to look for your book sources. You may try word(s) to find your subject like 'prisoners'. But also remember to think beyond your subject for more specific terms like 'Auschwitz' and broader terms such as 'concentration camps'. Use the index in the back of the book for your specific subject. The following are some terms to use for the Holocaust:

- Holocaust
- Kindertransport
- Death camps or concentration camps
- Children of the Holocaust
- Antisemitism
- Genocide

**Dewey Numbers:** We organize our books according to the Dewey Decimal System. These are some of the areas you will find books for this project.

940.531-940.53185 - is the Holocaust section.

940.53 - is the World War II area.

943.086 -is German history during World War II.

92 -are where biographies are located.

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**Reference Materials to Use:** The books with a reference sticker *cannot* be checked out, however, you may make copies of the pages you need in them. Don't forget to copy the title page to use for your works cited page. Here are just a few of the reference books on the Holocaust:

- Encyclopedia of the Holocaust REF 940.5318 ENC
- Auschwitz Chronicle, 1939-1945 REF 940.53185 CZE

- World War II: a Student Encyclopedia REF 940.53 WOR
- Encyclopedia of Genocide REF 364.151 ENC

**Internet Resources:** When you *google* a topic you can literally get millions of websites. It is difficult to know whether you have a reputable website or not. Websites with the suffix .edu and .org are usually reliable. Make sure the .com websites are credible. If they are from well-known entities like historychannel.com or newsweek.com they are fine to use. Here are some websites you can use:

- [www.ushmm.org/](http://www.ushmm.org/) -United States Memorial Holocaust Museum website.
- [www.yadvashem.org/](http://www.yadvashem.org/) -The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority.
- [www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org) -Go into the library section, Jewish history plus information on the Holocaust.
- [www.deathcamps.info/](http://www.deathcamps.info/) On this site there is information on the death camps along with biographies.

**Additional reading (fiction and nonfiction):** If you would like to do some additional reading on the Holocaust here are a few that we recommend:

- *We are Witnesses* by Jacob Boas
- *Because of Romek* by David Faber
- *I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree* by Laura Hillman
- *Soldier Boys* by Dean Hughes
- *Mischling, Second Degree: My Childhood in Nazi Germany* by Ilse Koehn
- *Beatrice and Virgil* by Yann Martel
- *Daniel's Story* by Carol Matas
- *The Mozart Question* by Michael Morpugo
- *In My Hands* by Irene Opdyke
- *The Berlin Boxing Club* by Rob Sharenow
- *Maus* by Art Spiegelman
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak