

# The Holocaust



Essential  
Question:

What was the  
Holocaust?





# What were the concentration camps?



- ◆ Shortly before the German defeat, the Nazis tried to hide the evidence of the CONCENTRATION CAMPS
- ◆ These were places where the Nazis had taken the Jews and others to be tortured and MURDERED.



- People were removed from their homes and forced to ride for hours and sometimes days in cattle cars, about 100 people per car, with standing room only.
- These cars were only about 250 square feet. Many people died before they even reached the camps.
- There were over 20 main Death camps developed by the NAZIS, and close to 1,000 sub-camps.





“Work Makes One Free”







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# What was life like in the concentration camps?

- ◇ In the camps, men and women were separated from each other, forced to remove all items of clothing, as well as any personal belongings.
- ◇ All hair was shaved, and all jewelry was taken (including fillings).
- ◇ All people were tattooed with a number that represented who they were and where they were from.





- ◆ People in the camps were forced to work all day long on very little food.
- ◆ Meals consisted usually of coffee in the morning, watery soup for lunch, and stale bread for dinner.
- ◆ Most Jews had to survive on merely 200 calories per day, as opposed to the recommended 2,000 calorie per day diet. They were literally and deliberately being starved to death.
- ◆ Jews and others were subjected to all manner of torture and experimentation imaginable.



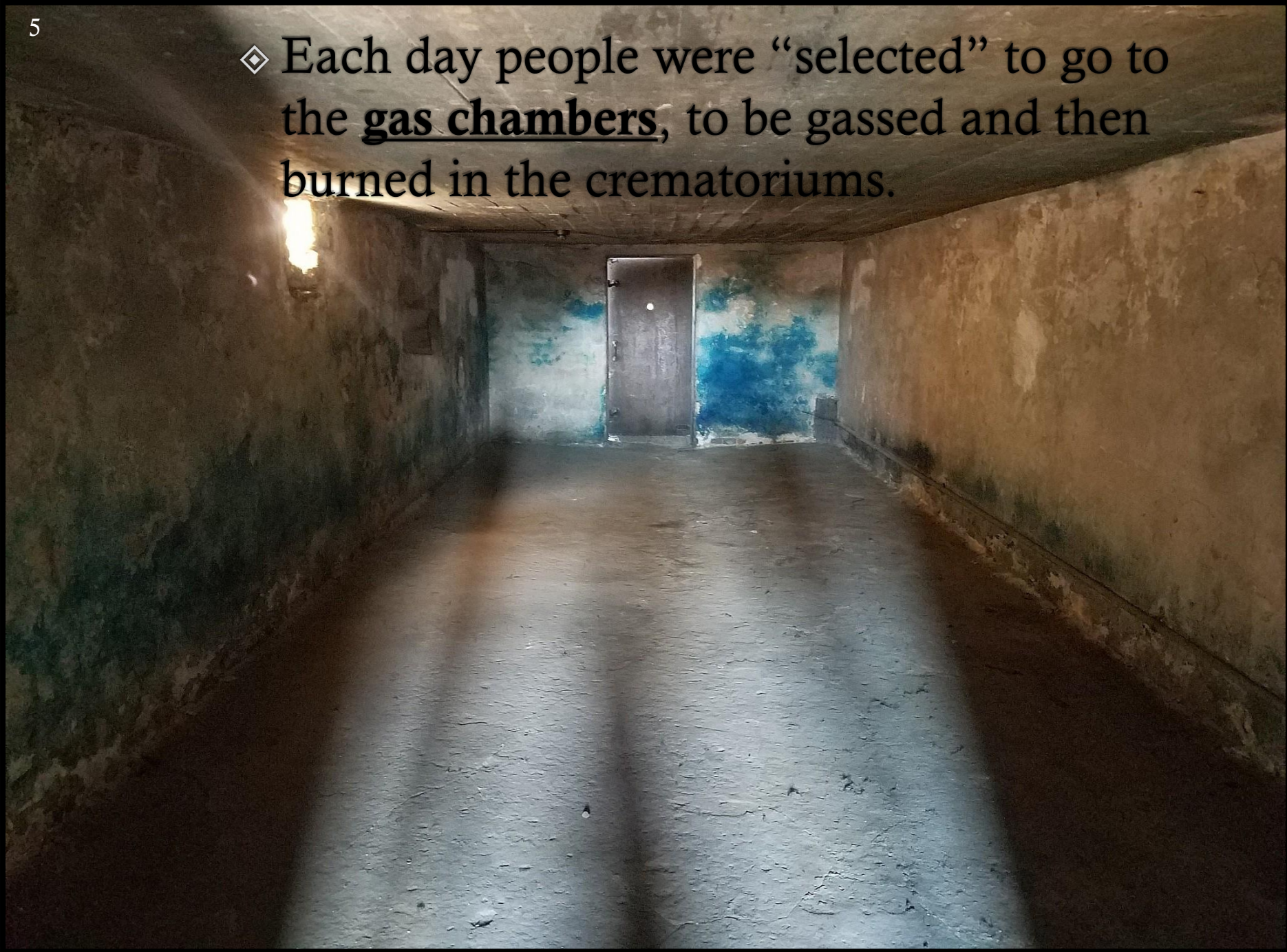




◆ Conditions in the barracks were crowded, as many as six people per bed.



◇ Each day people were “selected” to go to the gas chambers, to be gassed and then burned in the crematoriums.





- ◇ Near the end of the war, Hitler began to enact his “Final Solution”, in which all Jews and other prisoners were to be executed. Many upon their arrival.
- ◇ The bodies were dumped in mass graves or burned.



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# THE HOLOCAUST EXPLAINED

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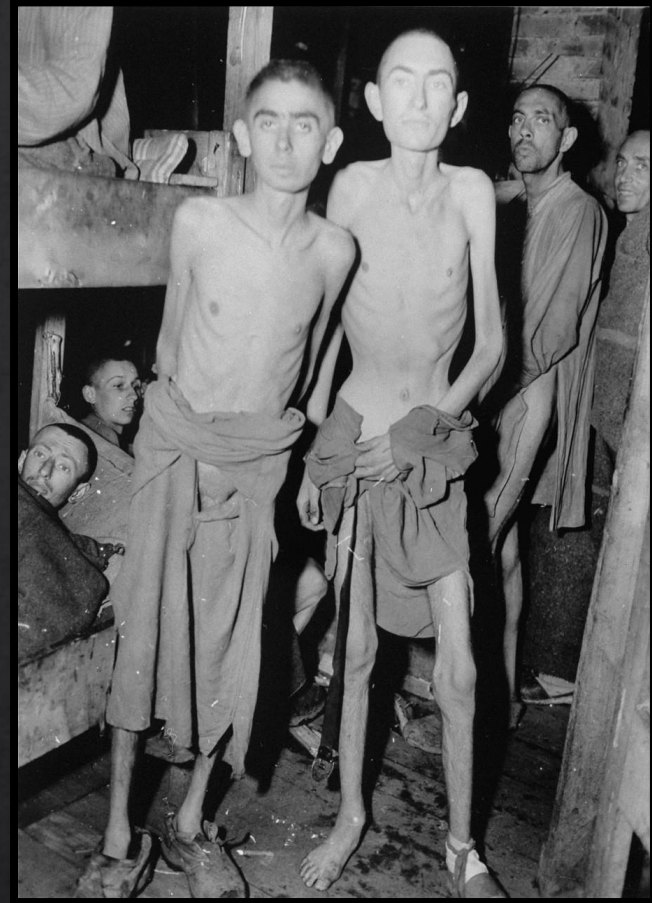


- ◆ About SIX MILLION Jews were murdered during this war
- ◆ About another six million people were also killed in these camps that were not Jewish
- ◆ These other people included Gypsies, Poles, LGBTQ members, Russians, and Slavs, and anyone with a mental or physical disability.





- ◆ The people that were murdered in the concentration camp were men, women, and children
- ◆ They had done NOTHING wrong
- ◆ The deliberate destruction of human life is called the HOLOCAUST
- ◆ When the Allied forces liberated those in the camps, they were appalled at what they saw.




“The things I saw beggar description, the visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were so overpowering as to leave me a bit sick ... . I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to ‘propaganda.’”

-Dwight D. Eisenhower-  
Supreme commander of the Allied Forces  
and 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.







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Holocaust survivor message 3 min


**'I WANTED  
TO DIE'**

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Holocaust Survivor 4 min





How can we  
prevent this from  
happening again?

**“When we look at Auschwitz we see the end of the process. It’s important to remember that the Holocaust actually did not start from gas chambers. This hatred gradually developed from words, stereotypes and prejudice through legal exclusion, dehumanisation and escalating violence.”**

— Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau