

Auschwitz and The Holocaust



A Report

Research and Note Taking

You are going to write a *report* detailing facts and information about the Auschwitz concentration camp and The Holocaust.

To do this you will have to do some *reading* and *research*, taking notes as you go.

Just like with your critical essays, it is important to gather the *correct* information. Here are some guidelines to help you:

- Use the section headings of the paragraph plan as a guide for what information to record.
- Use your own words when taking notes. You need to do this in your essay so do so in your notes.
- Make a note of your sources. When you note something down, write down the book, website or video that the information has come from.
- Do *lots* of research and take *lots* of notes. You may not use everything you find, but your essay will be better for *leaving* things out rather than *missing* things out!



It is important that you do as much research as possible or your essay will be short and lacking in depth and information.

In class we will spend most of our time watching some documentary footage and taking notes on that so the rest of your research will be ***your responsibility*** at **HOME!**

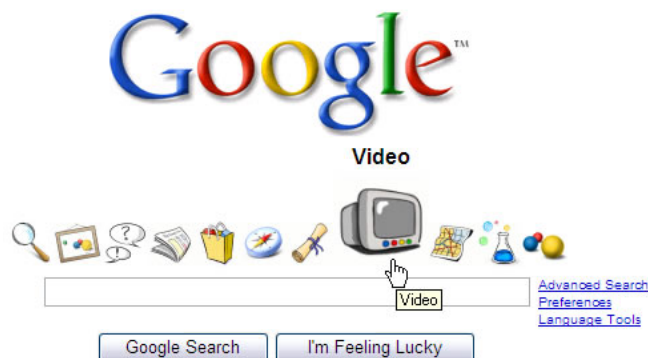
Finding What You Need

There is so much information about the Holocaust and the concentration camps available that you shouldn't have any problems finding what you need.

If you are having trouble here are some search terms that you could use in a library or on a web search engine like google:

Auschwitz
The Holocaust
Shoah
Anti-Semitism
Genocide
Nazi Party
The Final Solution
Concentration Camps
Death Marches

If you are using the Internet to search, try to make sure your information is as accurate as possible. Wikipedia is a good place to start and site which end **.org** or **.edu** will generally be trustworthy.



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On the next few pages you will find some reading to get you started.

Writing a Report

Writing a report involves selecting significant and important information from relevant sources to produce an informative essay on the chosen subject.

There are some important *stylistic* features to take into account when writing a report:

- Always use your own words. You can *refer* to other work but you should not *quote*, you should *paraphrase* (put their words into your words).
- Always use the *full word* not the contraction (*do not* as opposed to *don't*).
- Always stay impartial. You are *reporting* fact and information **not** offering opinion.



Bibliography

As you have been told before, it is important to make a note of your sources as you make notes. You will need these at the end of your essay.

Because you are using research that *other people* have produced and written, you have to acknowledge that you have used their work to inform your own. If you do not do this (and if you do not use your own words) you are guilty of *plagiarising* (stealing) their work.

Lay out your references at the end of your essay in this style:

Book - Author, Initials/first name., Year. Title of book. Place: Publisher.

Film - Full title of DVD or video. Year. Director. Country or origin: Film studio or maker.

Web – Full address of website. [Accessed on dd/mm/yyyy]

Essay Plan

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As with any plan, this is merely a guide and flexible to the needs of *your* essay. Remember that your ideas are always valid so long as you can support them with evidence.

There are some suggestions for what your sections might include below.

Introduction

- Explain what your essay will be about.
- Explain why these events are so important historically.
- Explain why the events are still important and relevant today.

Background and Ideology

- Some history to Hitler and the Nazi Party: why and how they seized power.
- The policies and propaganda they used about Jewish people.
- Reference to the historical persecution of the Jewish people.
- Some history about Auschwitz as a camp.
- The evolution of the camp and its uses in Nazi policy.

Initial Persecution

- Offer some more detailed information on the policies and propaganda the Nazis used against Jewish people.
- Explain in detail what some of the initial stages of persecution of the Jewish people involved.
- How was Auschwitz initially used with regard to Jewish people and other prisoners of war?

Inside the Camps

- Explain how the camps evolved and how they were used by the Nazis as the war and ideology continued.
- Explain in detail the conditions prisoners experienced inside the camps and the types of activities that were taking place.
- Show some specific reference to the activities and experiences of people at Auschwitz.

The Final Solution

- Explain how Nazi policy evolved and what the aims of 'The Final Solution' were.
- Show how Auschwitz and the concentration camps were used to carry out 'The Final Solution'.
- Explain the devastation and aftermath of the holocaust for the Jewish community of Europe.

The Holocaust Today

- Explain with reference how the Holocaust remains a seminal moment in the history of the world.
- Show some of the different ways the Holocaust remains important in today's world.

Conclusion

- Reiterate with reference to what you have discovered the historical importance of these events.
- Reiterate with reference to what you have discovered the importance and relevance to today's society.

Good Luck! And remember to submit it by the deadline!