

W.W. (11/3/2014)

- Why do you think it is important to read about the Holocaust?

# Daily Agenda (11/3/2014)

1. W.W.
2. Vocab 12 Words
3. Watch YouTube video  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yj2Afufd9Cs>
4. Introduction to the Holocaust (Notes)
5. Read “Meet Elie Wiesel” and “Introducing the Memoir”
6. Complete Notes (sheet with boxes)
7. B.B.

## Vocab 12

1. appease

2. archaic

3. balmy

4. beguile

5. equanimity

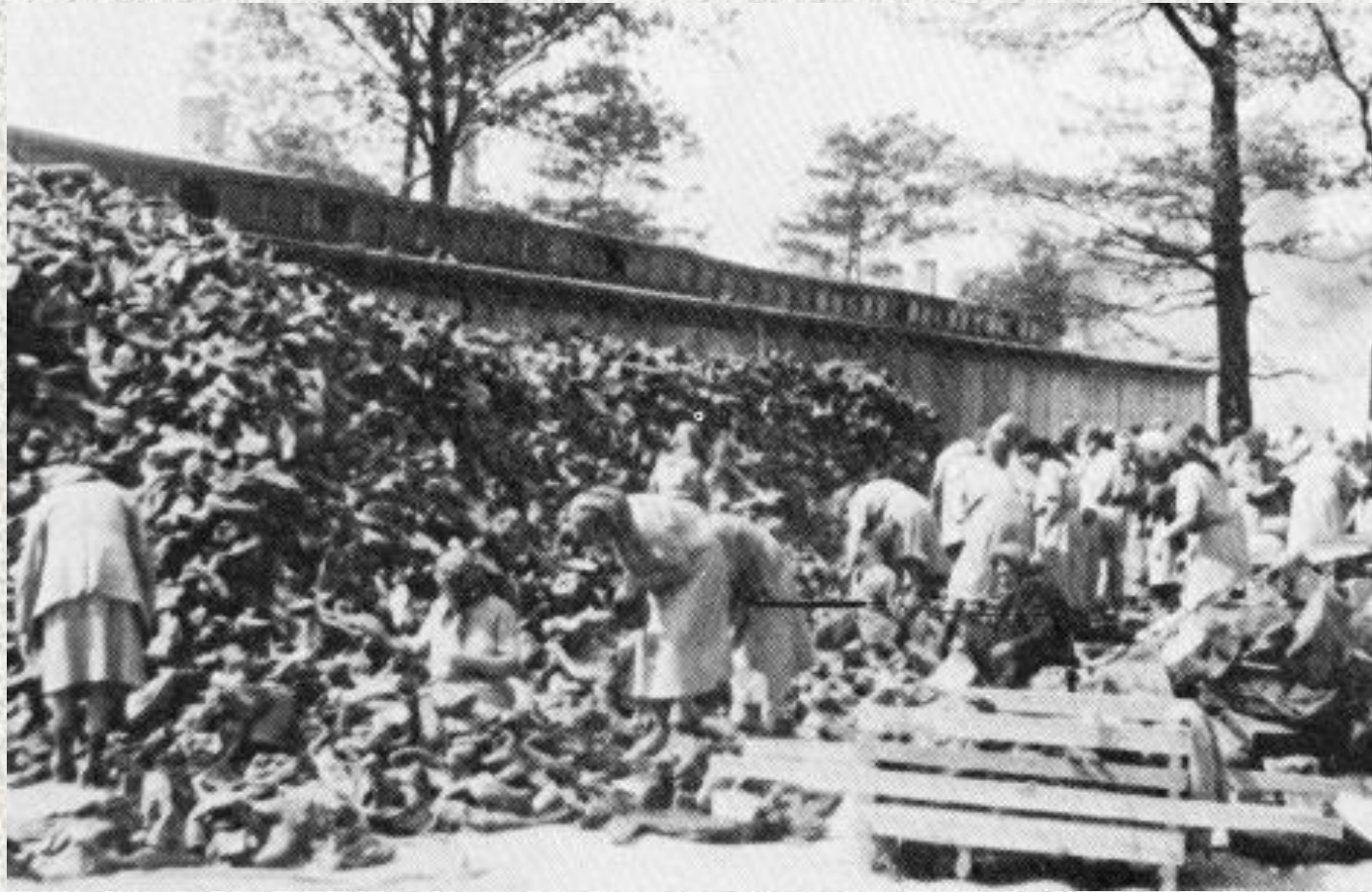
6. espionage

7. facsimile

8. invincible

9. pretext

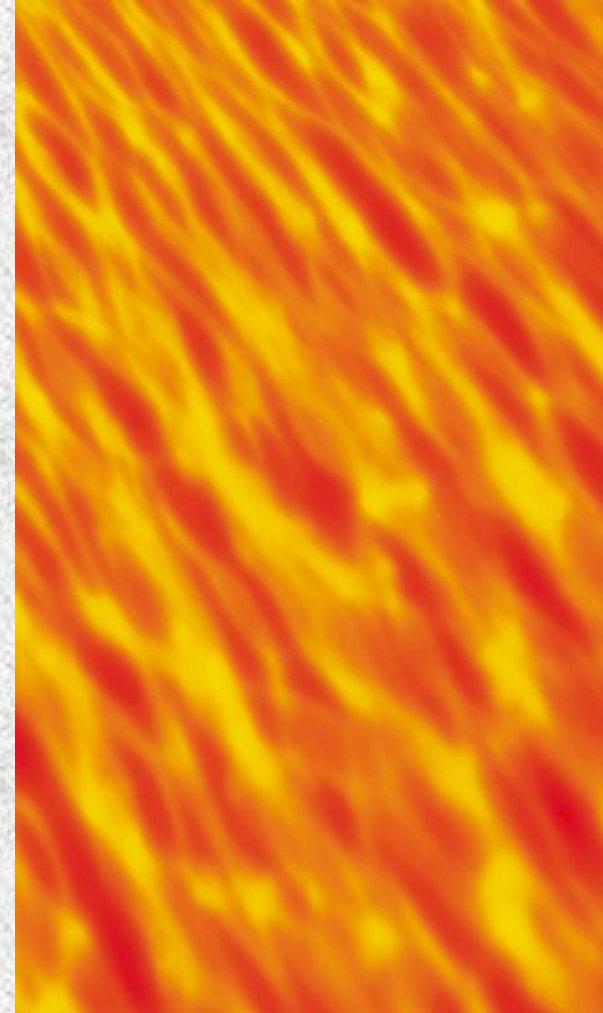
10. vigilant



The Holocaust

# What It Means

- The word holocaust, in Greek, means “complete destruction by **fire**.”
- However, it usually applies to the period during the late 1930s and early 1940s during which **six million** of Hitler’s enemies were brutally exterminated.
- They were prominently **Jews**, but also included gypsies, homosexuals, communists, journalists, Jehovah’s witnesses, and mentally ill people.





# POST-WWI

- After the war, Germany was forced to sign the Treaty of Versailles, depriving it of **land**, population, and **resources**.
- The German economy crashed and its people fell into **poverty** and **ruin**.
- The government tried to make more money by printing more banknotes, but this led to **hyperinflation** and money became worthless.



# Hitler's Rise to Power

- Out of these ashes rose a leader who claimed he could solve all of Germany's problems by finding **scapegoats** to blame for Germany's **failures**
- Germany would have to cleanse itself of these '**enemies**' and then it would become the great country it once was.



# Hitler's Rise to Power

- In early 1933, Hitler became the **Chancellor** of Germany.
- He started reclaiming all that Germany had lost through the Treaty of Versailles and won much **support**.



# The Nazi Regime



- After the president of Germany died in 1934, Hitler declared himself absolute leader.
- He used propaganda to persuade the population that Jews were enemies of the state.
- Anti-Semitism was ingrained into school children, producing a new generation of Nazi supporters



Es lebe Deutschland!





Baut  
Jugendherbergen  
und Heime

# Kristallnacht

- In 1935, new **laws** were passed, depriving Jews of many of their **rights**.
- On November 9, 1938 anti-Jewish **riots** were initiated
- **20,000** Jews were taken to **concentration** camps.
- Synagogues were burned and many Jews **emigrated**.





# The Holocaust Begins

- After the start of WWII, many Jews living in **Poland** and **Russia** were transported hundreds of miles in squalid conditions to concentrations camps all over Europe.



# Concentration Camps

- The term *concentration camp* refers to a camp in which people are **detained** or **confined**.
- They were usually detained under **harsh** conditions and without regard to **legal** norms of arrest and imprisonment that are acceptable in a constitutional **democracy**



# Concentration Camps

- The first concentration camps were in **Germany**
- When Eastern Europe was invaded, many camps were built there, away from the **masses** and where **genocide** could begin undisturbed.
- On arrival, prisoners were **stripped** of their possessions, identity and clothes, given uniforms and a **number** was tattooed on their arm.





# Concentration Camps

\* Those considered **unfit** to work as slave labour (women, children, the sick, and elderly) were **gassed** and killed.

\* Prisoners would be shot or tortured for the slightest **misdemeanor**





B.B.

- Why do you think Wiesel titled his memoir “Night”