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## American History Guided Notes **Chapter 11, Section 4 “The Holocaust”**

### I. Roots of the Holocaust

- a. In 1945 there was no word to describe to describe what we now call the Holocaust.

i. The Holocaust: the mass murder of \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of Nazi ideology that Aryans were superior to other people.

- b. *Hitler Preaches Hate*

i. Anti-Semitism: \_\_\_\_\_ against Jewish people

- c. §Nazis Begin the Persecution

i. Hitler urged Germans to \_\_\_\_\_ businesses

ii. Barred Jews from \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Banned Jews from \_\_\_\_\_

iv. \_\_\_\_\_: denied German citizenship to Jews; banned marriage between Jews & non-Jews

- d. *Violence Erupts on Kristallnacht*

i. November 9, 1938: “\_\_\_\_\_”

ii. After a \_\_\_\_\_ refugee killed a German diplomat in Paris, Nazi officials ordered attacks on Jewish people living in Germany, Austria, and the Sudetenland.

iii. Secret police and military units destroyed 1,500 \_\_\_\_\_, 7,500 Jewish-owned \_\_\_\_\_, killed more than 200 Jews, injured 600 Jews, and \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of others.

- e. *Jewish Refugees Face Obstacles*

i. Between 1933 and 1937, 129,000 Jews \_\_\_\_\_ Germany and Nazi-controlled Austria.

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ was one of these people.

iii. During the Great Depression, \_\_\_\_\_ were scarce, so the \_\_\_\_\_ and other countries barred their doors to many Jewish people.

### CHECKPOINT QUESTION

How did Hitler enforce anti-Semitism as chancellor of Germany?

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## II. Nazis Adopt the “Final Solution”

- a. \_\_\_\_\_: the willful annihilation of a racial, political, or cultural group
- b. *Nazis Build Concentration Camps*
  - i. Hitler opened the first concentration camp \_\_\_\_\_ (1933)
  - ii. The theory was originally to turn “\_\_\_\_\_” into “\_\_\_\_\_ of the Third Reich”
  - iii. “\_\_\_\_\_”: political opponents, journalists, Gypsies, Jehovah’s Witnesses, homosexuals, beggars, drunkards, physically disabled, people with mental illnesses
- c. *Nazis Build Concentration Camps*
  - i. Camp administrators \_\_\_\_\_ of the arms of prisoners.
  - ii. Prisoners wore \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ showing their class of “undesirableness”
  - iii. There were no restraints on sadistic guards.
  - iv. Guards killed and tortured prisoners without fear of \_\_\_\_\_ by their superiors.
  - v. Death by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ was an everyday occurrence.
  - vi. Doctors performed horrible \_\_\_\_\_ on inmates that killed them or left them deformed.
- d. *Millions are Murdered in Death Camps*
  - i. When Germany invaded the Soviet Union and Poland, the Nazis gained control of large territories that were home to millions of Jewish people.
  - ii. At first Jewish people were moved to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ ghetto largest
  - iii. January 1942 – “\_\_\_\_\_” outlined
  - iv. \_\_\_\_\_: a concentration camp designed to systemically exterminate people
    - 1. Largest was \_\_\_\_\_ in southern \_\_\_\_\_
  - v. \_\_\_\_\_: shower-like facilities where that filled with carbon monoxide or insecticide
  - vi. Some concentration camps did not have \_\_\_\_\_ equipment
    - 1. Nazi guards shot hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_ of prisoners.
  - vii. Bodies were desecrated:
    - 1. Human fat was turned into \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. Human \_\_\_\_\_ was woven into wigs, slippers, & mattresses
    - 3. Cash, gold fillings, \_\_\_\_\_ were stripped from the victims
  - viii. By 1945, about \_\_\_\_\_ million European Jews, as well as \_\_\_\_\_ million others had been murdered.

## CHECKPOINT QUESTION

What actions did the Nazis take to carry out Hitler's "Final Solution"?

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### III. The Allies and the Holocaust

#### a. Early Response was Weak

- i. Before entering the war, the \_\_\_\_\_ could have done more if it had relaxed its \_\_\_\_\_ policy.
- ii. Failure to help European Jews was blamed on preoccupation with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Hitler's genocidal plans.

#### b. American Government Takes Action

##### i. End of 1942

1. Allies \_\_\_\_\_ that Jews were being taken from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

##### ii. Early 1943

1. British and American officials discuss possibility of rescuing Jewish refugees, but \_\_\_\_\_

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#### c. American Government Takes Action

##### i. 1944 – FDR takes action

1. \_\_\_\_\_: U.S. government agency founded to save Eastern European Jews
  - a. Tragically, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Resources were focused on \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. camps were not military targets

#### d. Allied Soldiers Liberate the Camps

##### i. The soldiers who liberated the camps were \_\_\_\_\_ for what they saw.

##### ii. The liberation of camps led to an outpouring of \_\_\_\_\_ sympathy:

1. Many survivors \_\_\_\_\_

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