

# Holocaust Articles Assignment Questions

The Holocaust was a genocide that claimed six million lives and left an indelible stain on the twentieth century. This dark time in our history demonstrated that a lack of resources, combined with propaganda and fear tactics, can drive a nation into dehumanizing an entire people and partaking in organized, systematic murder. These articles focus on the Holocaust, and you will learn about Nazi efforts to exterminate Jews and other groups, and the lasting effects of the Holocaust on political issues in the Middle East.

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:** *What was the Holocaust? Why did the Holocaust happen?*

**DIRECTIONS:** Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper AFTER you have read and taken Cornell Notes on both articles.

**Article 1: *The Holocaust, Part One: The Rise of Adolf Hitler and World War II***

**Article 2: *The Holocaust, Part Two: The "Final Solution"***

1. After reading the articles, define each of these terms in your own words:
  - a. Anti-Semitic -
  - b. Dissent -
  - c. Deported -
  - d. Ghettos -
  - e. Auschwitz -
2. What political advantages did the Nazis gain by focusing on hatred of Jews and other groups?
3. How did the Nazis employ deliberate fear tactics and propaganda to dehumanize Jews and other groups?
4. What Anti-Semitic policies and laws were implemented?
5. What other groups were targeted by Hitler? Why did Hitler target Jewish people and these other groups?
6. What was the "Final Solution?"
7. How did Hitler justify killing Jewish people and other groups?
8. How did the world respond to the Holocaust? How has the Holocaust shaped global policies and beliefs?
9. (2-3 sentences) What was the main idea of Article 1: *The Holocaust, Part One: The Rise of Adolf Hitler and World War II*?
10. (2-3 sentences) What was the main idea of Article 2: *The Holocaust, Part Two: The "Final Solution"*?
11. Write a 1-paragraph response to the Essential Questions:  
*What was the Holocaust? Why did the Holocaust happen?*