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The Holocaust was one of the darkest times in world history. It took place during World War II, from 1939 to 1945. During this time, the leader of Germany, Adolf Hitler, with the help of followers of his Nazi political group, carried out a plan to harm and murder millions of people. Their goal was to eradicate the Jewish people of Europe. They also targeted many others, such as the Roma, people with disabilities, Polish and Soviet civilians, and anyone who opposed them.

Hitler and the people who followed his leadership believed that some groups of people were better, or purer, than others. This idea was rooted in racism. They blamed Jewish people for Germany's problems after World

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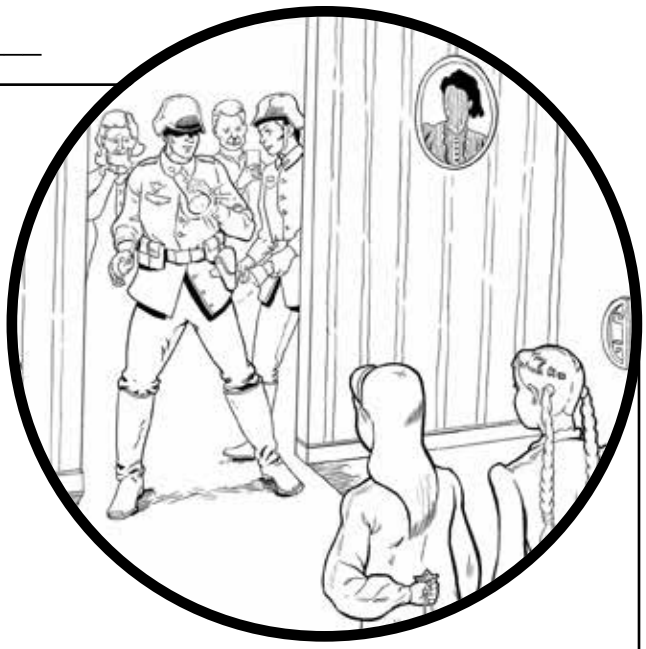
War I. Over time, they passed unfair laws that took away Jewish rights, and Jews were forced out of their jobs, schools, and homes.

As the war spread across Europe, the Nazis built ghettos. These crowded and segregated areas were the only places Jewish people were allowed to live. Later, the Nazis went on to create concentration camps and



happened. It is estimated that upwards of six million Jewish

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The Nazis kept what they were doing from the world, and many people did not realize the depths of what was happening. Despite the danger, some people risked their lives to help those in need. Some were able to offer safe places to stay and kept Jewish families hidden from the Nazi soldiers. When the war finally ended in 1945, the world learned the full truth about what had

Human Rights, a document that states the rights all humans have, no matter their race, sex, or nationality. This document was written to prevent something like the Holocaust from happening again.

Remembering the Holocaust helps us understand the importance of standing up against hate, prejudice, and injustices whenever we see them.

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c. Joseph Stalin **d.** Adolf Hitler

2. What are some groups, other than Jewish people that the Nazis targeted?

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Holocaust after the war ended?

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5. Why is it important to remember the Holocaust today?

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Match each vocabulary word from the article with the correct definition.

1. ____ separated by group or race

2. ____ people who are not soldiers or part of the military; regular people who live in an area

a. eradicate

b. segregated

5. ____ prison camps where the Nazis sent millions of people during the Holocaust to work, to suffer, or to be murdered

6. ____ died

7. ____ went against something or tried to stop it from happening

8. ____ crowded sections of cities where Jewish families were forced to live

e. civilians

f. concentration camps

g. opposed

h. racism

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The article, "The Holocaust," discusses one of the darkest times in world history. Imagine you were living during this time period in Europe. Describe the things you would be feeling or thinking about.

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