


Knowledge organiser: What caused the Holocaust?

Jews have been an important part of European society for over 1,000 years but have often faced discrimination, culminating in the Nazis attempt to murder all Jews in the Holocaust.		Chronology: what happened on these dates?		Vocabulary: define these words.	
		Date	Event	Term	Definition
Summarise your learning		30th January 1933	Hitler becomes the Chancellor of Germany.	Anti-Semitism	Racism/discrimination against Jews.
Topic 1: Anti-Semitism in the Middle Ages and beyond Jews are treated with suspicion and hostility throughout this era, leading to frequent outpourings of violence.		1st April 1933	Nazis order a boycott of Jewish shops, which is called off after one day.	Prejudice	An unreasonable dislike of or preference for a person, group, or custom.
		15th September 1935	Introduction of Nuremberg Laws which stripped Jews of their German citizenship.	Persecution	The act of treating somebody in a cruel and unfair way, especially because of their race, religion or political beliefs
Topic 2: Jews in 19th century Europe Although life improves for Jews in some European countries, many choose to flee to the USA and Britain to escape discrimination.		October 1938	Jewish identity cards began to be marked. Jews had to add 'Sarah' or 'Israel' to their name. Identity cards were stamped with a 'J'.	Stereotype	A fixed idea or image that many people have of a particular type of person or thing, but which is often not true in reality
		8–9th November 1938	'Kristallnacht': anti-Jewish pogrom in which widespread violence takes place against Jews in Germany.	Evolution (Social Darwinism)	Attempts to apply Darwin's ideas to race, believing that some races were superior to others.
Topic 3: Jews in Nazi Germany 1933–39 Following Hitler's rise to power, Jews suffer increasing persecution under the Nazi regime.		October 1939	Having conquered Poland, where 3 million Jewish people lived, the Nazis began moving Polish Jews into ghettos. Conditions were often terrible, with little food and fuel available and cramped living conditions.	Aryan	The Nazis believed Germans belonged to an Aryan 'master race'.
Topic 4: The Holocaust During the Second World War, the Nazis murder 6 million Jews and millions of others in unprecedented acts of brutality.		1941–45	The Holocaust: six million Jews are murdered during the Second World War by the Nazis and their collaborators.	Ghetto	An area of a city where many people of the same race or background live, separately from the rest of the population.
Topic 5: Resistance to the Holocaust Jews within Nazi Germany bravely try to resist the Holocaust. Others fight for Allied armies to defeat the Nazis.				Genocide	The murder of a large group of people, especially those of a particular nation or race
Topic 6: Why the Holocaust happened Historians continue to be divided over how, when and why the Holocaust happened.				Extermination camps	Camps in which people are systematically murdered.

