

Reflect

Answer the Qs in the margin.

Why did Hitler focus on Jews?

What forms did anti-Semitic persecution take?

What legal measures were implemented?

Why was Kristallnacht so named (it's German for Night of Broken Glass)?

How were people treated in Concentration Camps?

Focus Question: How did the Holocaust develop and what were its results?

Ch11.4 The Holocaust

Roots of the Holocaust:

- Racist belief that proclaimed Aryans to other people
- Desire by Hitler and others to blame someone for Germany's problems following World War I

- Hitler found someone to blame: the

At first, the focus of persecution was

- Jewish businesses were boycotted.
- Jews were fired from their
- Jews were barred from working in fields such as banking, law, and medicine.

In time, were passed that broadened the persecution:

Nuremberg Laws
Denied Jews German citizenship
Banned between Jews and non-Jews
Segregated Jews at every level of society

The hatred directed against Jews soon turned violent.

- Hitler's secret carried out vicious attacks.
- During **Kristallnacht**, hundreds of Jews were killed and Jewish businesses and synagogues

Hitler's "..... solution to the Jewish question" was genocide—extermination of all Jews.

- Beginning in the 1930s, Jews were forced from their homes, put onto trains, and taken to **concentration camps**.
- Political opponents and anyone labeled "undesirable" also were imprisoned.
- Some concentration camps were **camps**.
- There, prisoners were killed in chambers or shot, and their bodies burned.
- Prisoners in other camps were forced to perform heavy labor, often brutalized by the guards.
- Some were tortured or subjected to horrible medical experiments.
- by starvation and disease was common.

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Why did the Allies do so little to stop Jews being killed?

How did Americans react to the Holocaust?

- Millions of people died in concentration camps.
- For years, the Allies had received reports of Jews being killed in Nazi camps. Yet little was done to stop it.
- A 1943 conference to discuss possible rescue plans ended with no concrete action being taken.
 - The U.S. and other countries Jews fleeing Germany from immigrating.
 - Though they expressed concern, American leaders remained focused on their war plans.
- Some suggested they bomb the rail lines leading to the camps.
 - But the military hesitated to divert resources needed in
- In 1944, Roosevelt created the **War Refugee Board** in an attempt to help Jews in Eastern Europe. Sadly, too were saved.
- When Allied soldiers liberated the camps at war's end, they were stunned by the horror before them.
- Americans reacted with an outpouring of sympathy and a desire to help.
- Many survivors eventually found in the U.S.
- The enormity of the Nazi crime led to renewed calls for an independent state.
 - The state of Israel was founded in 1948.
 - Truman immediately recognized the new nation, and the U.S. became a staunch

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SUMMARY- Summarize your notes using at least 6 complete sentences:
