

Putting Words into Action

Holocaust Research/PowerPoint Presentations

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Description: Create a PowerPoint presentation which explains one of the following important themes of the Holocaust.

Requirements: 10-15 slides, with pictures/documents found through appropriate Internet sources including USHMM Website at <http://www.ushmm.org>. The table below can be used to list and organize online resources for this assignment. Presentation must incorporate events from *All But My Life* along with the information researched. Students will present their projects to the class.

Thematic topic	Page	Text citation	Title and source of supporting documents and images
Aftermath of WWI	p. 9	comparison of WWI and WWII	
European Jewry before the Holocaust	p. 12	description of Gerda's home	
	p. 23	description of Gerda's summer vacation in Krynica	
	p. 24	description of private girl's school Gerda attended before the war	
Emigration before the war	p. 5	visas offered to some Jewish citizens	
	p. 221	Kurt Klein's emigration to U.S. and his failed attempts to help his parents emigrate	
Growing popularity of the Nazi party	p. 8	positive reaction of townspeople to German soldiers	
	p.10	neighbors sew Nazi flag in Weissmann home	

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<u>Nazi exploitation of conquered people and territory</u>	p. 26	goods and furs in the family factory confiscated	
	p. 30	family told to leave the home Dec. 1939, leaving valuable objects	
	p. 31	townspeople come to buy their belongings for very little money	
	p. 36	rations cut, white armbands issued with blue star	
<u>World War II in Europe, 1939-1945</u>	p. 3	experience of Bielitz, Sept. 3, 1939--Nazi invasion of Poland	
	p. 9	English and French declare war on Germans	
	p. 11	18 days later Nazis have conquered Poland	
	p. 28	explanation of Greater Germany vs. Gouvernement	
	p. 44	receive word that the Germans have marched through Denmark and Norway and are reported in Paris	
	p. 46	neutrality with Russia violated by Germans and part of Poland occupied by Russians	

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World War II in Europe, 1939-1945 (cont.)	p. 180	end of war and liberation approaching	
	p. 208	death of Hitler	
	p. 215	liberation by Americans in Germany	
	p. 217	May 8, 1945--End of war in Germany	
Bystanders	p. 89	Polish civilians watch Jews being marched through town	
	p. 114	walking through German town on the way to forced labor site	
Mobile Killing Operations	p. 13-14	description by Gerda's Aunt Anna	
Ghettos	p. 72	family moved to ghetto--April, 1942	
Humanization of Perpetrators	p. 51	Nazi officer in Bielitz lets Gerda go after being arrested for learning English	
	p. 132	Gerda saved by Frau Kügler	

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Resistance	p. 127	fasting on Yom Kippur	
	p. 174	interrogation by SS guard who saw bread thrown over the fence	
	p. 201	Gerda riding on the wagon during the death march so as not be separated from Ilse	
	p. 202	Czechs shower Gerda and others on the death march with food despite Nazi guards	
	p. 217	Gerda hiding the pictures of family members in her boots	
Death Marches	p. 183	forced to march across Germany being in Jan. 1945	
	p. 202	march into Czechoslovakia	
Liberation	p. 214	Gerda and others in the abandoned warehouse are liberated by the Fifth U.S. Infantry Division	
	p. 216	Gerda taken to hospital to recover by Red Cross	
Displaced Persons Camps and Emigration	p. 238	Gerda adds her name to the list of those seeking relatives	
	p. 245	Gerda's choice of emigrating to the United States with Kurt Klein	