

## Conformity Module

### Background and Additional Information

#### More about the Holocaust

Watch [The Path to Nazi Genocide](#) (38 minutes)

Read [Introduction to the Holocaust](#)

Explore the [Holocaust Encyclopedia](#)

#### More about *Some Were Neighbors: Collaboration and Complicity in the Holocaust*

[Some Were Neighbors online exhibition](#)

[Background article](#) by Susan Bachrach, Exhibition Curator

#### Background on [Bronia and Gerhard film](#)

Holocaust Encyclopedia article: [Nuremberg Race Laws: Background](#)

- Sixteen-year-old Bronia was an ethnic Pole serving as a forced laborer in German-occupied Poland.
- Nineteen-year-old Gerhard Greschok was an ethnic German field hand working on the same farm.
- After their forbidden “interracial” romance was discovered, local townspeople subjected them to public humiliation shown in this film.
- As punishment, Gerhard was sent to the Soviet front, and Bronia to a concentration camp.
- Bronia’s fate is unknown. Her family never saw her again.
- Gerhard returned from the front wounded and died in 1945 at the age of 23.
- The silent film footage was discovered in an attic in Sturov, Slovakia in 1946. It is unknown who took the film footage
- A Polish documentary called “Forbidden Love: The Story of Bronia and Gerhard” was made about this story and incorporated archival film footage. The film was directed and written by Marek Pawlowski in 2002.

#### Background on Kristallnacht

Holocaust Encyclopedia article: [Kristallnacht: A Nationwide Pogrom, November 9-10, 1938](#)

#### Background on Deportations

Holocaust Encyclopedia article: [Deportations to Killing Centers](#)

#### Background on Holocaust Survivor Testimony

From [The USC Shoah Foundation: The Institute for Visual History and Education](#)