

LESSON: Introduction to the Holocaust

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The Nazis came to power in Germany in January 1933.

They believed that Germans were better than other people. Nazis claimed that Jewish people were a threat. This is not true. These false beliefs were part of the Holocaust.

The Holocaust happened from 1933-1945.

THE HOLOCAUST was the mistreatment and murder of six million Jewish people by the Nazi government and people who helped them.

By 1945, the Nazis and their helpers killed six million European Jews.


A few people tried to help Jewish people, and some survived.

Jewish people were innocent victims.

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Anne Frank was born in Frankfurt, Germany, on June 12, 1929. Her family's religion was Jewish. Germany is a country in Europe. People who live in Germany are called Germans.

Anne had a father named Otto, a mother named Edith, and an older sister named Margot.

A man named Adolf Hitler was the leader of a group of people called Nazis. The Nazis were a political group. Adolf Hitler believed that Germans were better than other people. He claimed that Jewish people were a threat. This is not true.

Adolf Hitler became in charge of the German government in 1933. Adolf Hitler and members of the Nazi group began to mistreat Jewish people in Germany.

Because Hitler was now in charge and they were Jewish, Anne Frank and her family left Germany and moved to a city called Amsterdam in a country called the Netherlands.

In September 1939, Germany invaded another European country. This started World War Two.

In May 1940, Nazi Germany invaded the Netherlands. The Nazis were now in charge of the country where Anne and her family lived. The Nazis began to mistreat the Jewish people in the Netherlands.

In July 1942, Margot, Anne's sister, was ordered to work for the Nazis. This meant leaving her family and being mistreated by the Nazis.

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Anne's father, Otto, decided that his family would hide from the Nazis. They hid in secret rooms behind his business. Their friends who were not Jewish helped them hide. Anne called their hiding place the "Secret Annex." An annex is an extra group of rooms.

Anne began writing in a notebook called a diary. Over more than two years, she wrote about life inside the "Secret Annex." She wrote about her fears and hopes for the future.

On August 4, **1944**, the local Nazi police discovered the hiding place and found Anne and her family. Anne and her family did nothing wrong. They were arrested only because they were Jewish.

Anne and her family were taken away from Amsterdam to a prison where Jewish people were mistreated and killed.. Anne and her sister Margot stayed together. They got sick and died in a Nazi prison camp in late February or early March 1945.

Otto, Anne's father, was the only person in the Frank family who survived the Holocaust. He published Anne's diary in 1947.

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