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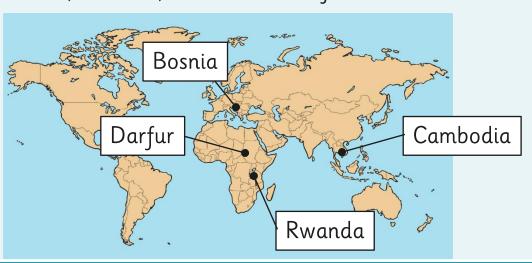
## Holocaust Memorial Day

27th January



# What Is The Holocaust Memorial Day?

- Each year on or around 27th January, we learn about events that have happened in the past, when people were treated badly. This is not a nice thing to think about, but it is important so that we can learn from them and make sure they don't happen again.
- Holocaust Memorial Day is the day that the British Government has chosen to remember the Holocaust, Nazi persecution and terrible crimes committed during conflicts in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.



#### What Was The Holocaust?

- The Nazis, the people in charge of Germany from 1933-1945, did not like Jewish people.
- They encouraged ordinary citizens to make life difficult for Jewish people.
- People were allowed to abuse them, physically and emotionally. Many Jewish people and families decided to move to Amsterdam in Holland, where it would be safer.
- The first thing that happened was that all Jews had to wear a yellow star of David on their outer clothing, so people could see exactly who was Jewish.



#### What Did The Nazis Do?

Nazis said that Jewish people could not:

- sit on the benches in parks
- go to the swimming pool
- own a bike or a radio
- go to restaurants or German shops
- own a passport or vote in the elections
- attend school or university
- go to the cinema, theatre, concerts, exhibitions, beaches and holiday resorts
- ...and many other everyday rights which other German people had.

How would you feel if you weren't allowed to have a bike, a television or a tablet, just because of your religion? What about if you were told that you couldn't come to our school anymore, or you weren't allowed to go shopping in Sainsbury's, just because of your religion?



#### Jewish Children

- Many Jewish parents decided to send their children to England, as they thought it would be safer for them.
- A special organisation, called Kindertransport, helped children to leave Germany and travel to England.
- The children would not have been given long to pack their suitcases.

Imagine you were told you were going on a journey but you didn't know where you were going, or how long you were going for.

Think about what you would pack.



#### What Were Their Lives Like?

Six million people died in the Holocaust. Six million people; not all Jews. There were also other groups of people whom the Nazis did not like. That is more than the entire population of Scotland! Discrimination is still happening today. Let us now remember those who did not survive the holocaust and other terrible crimes and have gone back to God. Close your eyes and have a minute of silence.

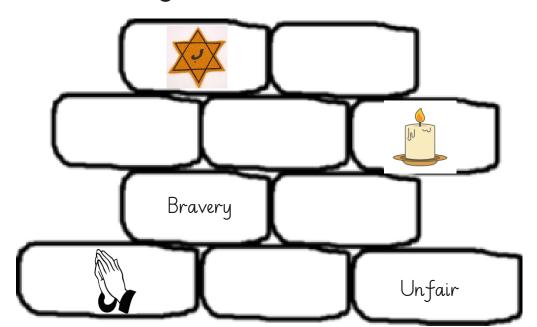
There are memorial wars in many countries around the world showing names, pictures and symbols to represent those people who sadly have gone back to God.

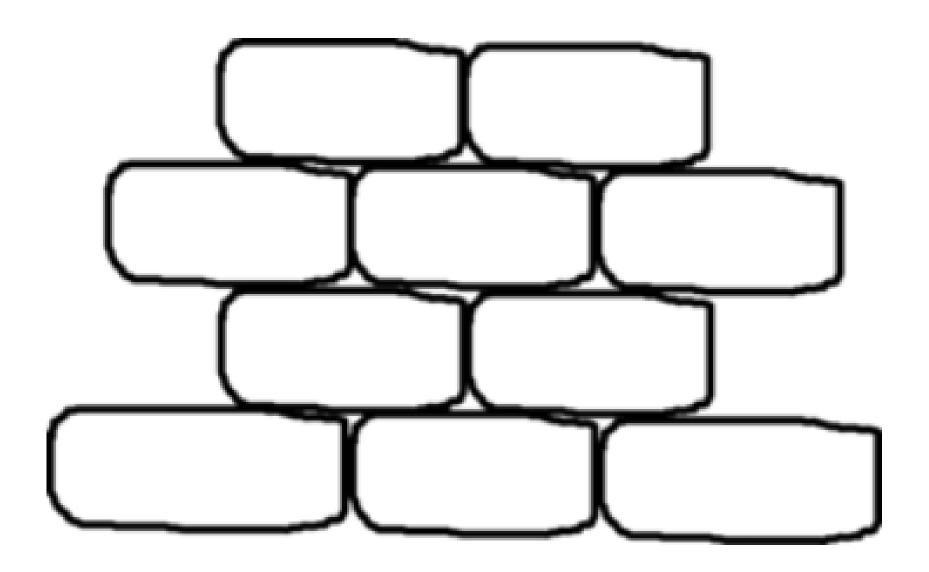






TASK: Create your own version of a holocaust memorial wall to remember those who died during the holocaust. You can add factual information about what happened during this time, and images on the wall that represent the people who have died. There are some ideas below to help you. If you have a printer, you could print the next page, or draw something similar in your book.





#### Reflection

How would you have felt if you were a Jew at the time of the Holocaust?

I would have felt...