



Holocaust (1933 – 1945)



What was the Holocaust?

- The holocaust was a discrimination against the Jews in Europe during Hitler's reign in parliament. Hitler had always hated the Jews and had blamed them for loosing the first world war and so it was his ambition to exterminate all of the Jewish race. Hitler had many death camps and ghettos all around Europe. This is where all of the Jews were taken to be killed or for slave labour.

What happened there?

- Jews were separated into groups, one being where they will work slave labour and the other where they will be transported and put to death. Many bad things happened to the Jews there like they were rationed on many things such as personal hygiene and food. They were many people packed into the tiny room and were forced to share personal space with other Jewish people.

What was taken away from them?

- Jews were restricted to do many things in Germany and the rest of Europe. They were not classed as German anymore and were not part of the German society. They were not allowed to buy newspapers/magazines, go to parks, go to public restaurants, go in libraries, sit on park benches or even play tennis or go swimming. Children were taken out of their public school so they could all go to a Jewish school. Their freedom to live peacefully was taken away from them.

What was classed as a Jew?

- We all may think that a Jew was just someone who went to a synagogue to pray. They are what we see and recognise as Jews. Hitler believed that anyone with a relative who is Jewish such as a grandparent was a Jew they're children and grandchildren and so on were also Jews. He believed they had poisonous blood in there system.



Holocaust survivors

Joanna Millan was born Bela Rosenthal in Berlin and she was born into the Holocaust as a baby and her mum died at the age of 2 and her dad died at around the age she was born. She was transported to a ghetto where she was separated from her mother. Her mother was sent to a death camp as she wasn't fit enough to work as a slave labourer and Joanna was left on the concentrating camp at the age of 3. She lived in a hut with 5 other children around the same age as her and they all stuck together throughout the worst time in their life. Joanna and the 5 other people were luckily saved by the British people and moved to Great Britain where they were adopted by loving families and raised as great people.