NAZI GERMANY AND THE HOLOCAUST

COURSE SYLLABUS 2012

DAY	CLASS ACTIVITY	TOPIC
DAY 1 6/25	Student interviews:	Students spend ten minutes interviewing a member of the class that they do not know and then they report to the class on the student's background, travels, likes/dislikes, hobbies, career plans, etc.
	Overview of the class:	Inform students of the class expectations and provide them with a copy of the class syllabus.
M O N	Question to class: What do you know about Hitler/Nazi Germany?	Class will answer questions regarding their knowledge of the time period and its import events
D A Y	The Wave	High School activity involving authoritarian governments spins out of control. Prompted by the question "How could the German people plan and carry out the Holocaust," the history teacher undertakes an experiment designed to demonstrate how easy it is to get caught up in a
	Cornell Note-Taking Method:	Importance of good note-taking and how to utilize the Cornell Note-taking Method.
	Hitler's Childhood:	Rise and Fall of the Third Reich
		Hitler the Rise of Evil - Part I
	Why Study the Holocaust	Holocaust an unique event in World History.
	History of Anti-Semitism	Understanding the Holocaust: Chapter 1 – Religious Anti-Semitism. Chapter 2 - Adolf Hitler, the Failure.
	Study Hall Assignment:	Rise and Fall of the Third Reich, Pages 3-29. (Chapter 1: Birth of the Third Reich)

DAY 2	World War I	Treaty of Versailles, economic downturn, and political chaos led to the rise of Hitler and the Third Reich.
6/26	Introduction to Class Projects	Mural – Mock Trial – Play
T		Hitler the Rise of Evil - Part II
U E	Research Papers	Research Topics
S D	Reading Assignment	Rise and Fall of the Third Reich, Pages 29-52. (Chapter 2: Birth of the Nazi Party)
A Y	Research Paper - Computer Lab	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
	Adolf Hitler	Hitler's anti-Semitism and his role as a member of the Nazi Party.
		Role in WW I and during the Weimar Republic.
	Class Assignment	Understanding the Holocaust: Chapter 2 – Adolf Hitler Chapter 3 – Rise of the Nazi Party
	Kill All	High School Students Who Placed A Coded Message In Their School Yearbook "Kill All N-Word."
	Class Reading	Night: Preface and Foreword
	Study Hall Assignment:	Night: Preface and Foreword Night: Pages 3-28

DAY 3	The Nazi Party	Why Germany?
6/27		Understanding the Holocaust: Chapter 4 - Why Germany? Chapter 5 - Hitler's Seizure of Power, 1930-1933 Chapter 6 - The Third Reich: A Terror State, 1933-1945
W E D N E		Hitler The Rise Of Evil – Part III
S D A Y	Research Paper – Computer Lab Handout:	1:00 -2:00 PM
	Class Projects	Mural – Play - Trial
	Hitler Youth	Confessions of a Hitler Youth - 30 minute testimony of a former Hitler Youth member
	Study Hall Assignment	Night: Pages 29-65

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4	Handout: Nuremberg Laws	Understanding the Holocaust: Chapter 7 – The First Solution to the Jewish Question, 1933-1938 Chapter 8 – The Second Solution to the Jewish Question, 1939-41
6/28	Nazi Propaganda	Handout: Propaganda In A Dictatorship
	Western Propaganda	Handout: Propaganda In A Democratic Society
T H	German and Western Propaganda Films Which Employed Completely Different Techniques Of Persuasion	Triumph of the Will: - 30 minutes of Hitler over Germany; Nationalism; Parades; Symbolism; Uniforms; and Speeches.
U R S		Charlie Chaplin: - 30 minutes of utilizing humor and satire, Charlie Chaplin exposes Hitler as an evil dictator who was willing to deny humans of their liberty and to plunge the world into a ruinous war 1939.
D A	Discussion:	Which Film was the most effective propaganda and why?
Y	Research Paper: Computer Lab	1:00 to 2:00 PM
	Holocaust Denial	Why do humans deny a painful past?
	Class Projects:	Mural – Play - Trial
	Study Hall Assignment:	Night: Page 66-97

DAY 5 6/29	Finish Night	Night: Page 98-120
F	Discuss Night	Discussion Questions: Handout
R I D	Class Projects	Mural – Play - Trial
A Y	Class Assignment:	Understanding the Holocaust: Chapter 9 – The Final Solution to the Jewish Question, 1941-45 Chapter 10 – Jewish Resistance
	Research Paper: Computer Lab Trial: Computer Lab	1:00 to 4:00
	Sunday Night Study Hall Assignment:	If Hitler Asked You To Electrocute A Stranger Would You? Probably. The Stanley Milgram Experiment. Yale University Professor Conducts A Study Designed To Measure Obedience And Is Surprised By The Results. The Milgram Experiment Re-Visited

DAY 6 7/2	Discussion:	If Hitler Asked You To Electrocute A Stranger Would You? Probably. The Stanley Milgram Experiment. Why Do We Obey Authority? Understanding the Holocaust: Chapter 11 – The Aftermath Chapter 12 – Postwar Response to the Holocaust
M O N D	Class Projects:	Mural – Play - Trial
A Y	Research Paper: Computer Lab	1:00 to 2:00 PM
	A History Of Intolerance In America: Us and Them	The Ballad of Leo Frank - Leo Frank, a wealthy factory owner and Jew living in Atlanta, Georgia, was wrongly accused and wrongly put to death in the United States amid a climate of anti-Semitism and regional distrust. Article
	Rawanda	Hotel Rawanda - The story of a hotel manager who in the middle of a mass killingmakes the dangerous decision to play the role of protector his actions save more than a thousand people. The biggest regret of his two administrations, according to President Bill Clinton, was his failure to employ the military and humanitarian power of the US to stop the murder of almost a million people in Rawanda.
	Study Hall Assignment:	Finish Hotel Rawanda

DAY 7	Class Assignment:	Understanding the Holocaust: Chapter 13 – Jews In Today's World
7/3	Computer Lab	1:00 – 2:00 PM
T U E S	Why Germany?	Germany was one of the most advanced nations in Europe with a highly accomplished population and one of the best education systems in the world. How did its institutions and people fail to prevent what is arguably the worst event of human history?
D A Y	Why Hitler?	Adolf Hitler was not from a wealthy family or was he a particularly good student. During World War I, his rank was that of a corporal and he was not well-liked by his fellow soldiers or respected by his officers. How did this unlikely and obscure man rise through the economic and political chaos to claim the reign of power?
	CLASS PROJECTS	MURAL – PLAY - TRIAL
	Study Hall Assignment:	Hitler's Henchmen

DAY 8 7/4	TEST I	Understanding the Holocaust: Chapters 1-13
W E D N E S	Atrocities	 Nazi Concentration Camps Film created by the Allied Powers as they liberated Nazi Labor and Extermination camps. Eisenhower recognized that what his troops discovered would be unbelievable in the future therefore, he ordered documentation of the terrible atrocities. Band of Brothers From the Why We Fight Episode Troops are overwhelmed by what they discovered in remote locations huge camps with barbed wire and crude barracks housing tens of thousands of prisoners, many of them near death from disease or starvation.
D A Y	Handout:	I Saw Anne Frank Die
	Computer Lab	1:00 - 2:00
	Life In The Camps	Life expectancy Labor Camps compared to Death Camps.
	Study Hall Assignment:	For the Living. Film covers the rationale for building the Holocaust Museum, architectural considerations, and the Permanent Exhibit. (60 minutes). Discuss the current temporary exhibit: The State of Deception.

Holocaust **DAY** 9 Museum 7/5 July 7th, 2011 T H U R D A Y

Fly from Nashville, TN to Reagan International Airport

Class will tour the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC for approximately four hours.

Smithsonian Museum of American History ... Why We Fight Exhibit.

Only the most awesome field trip ever!

Fly from Reagan International Airport to Nashville, TN

Long Day ... Good Day!

Day 10 7/6	Morning:	Discuss the Holocaust Museum Field Trip
F R I	OSCAR SCHINDLER	DVD: Schindler's List
D A Y	Afternoon:	Class Projects: Mural – Play – Mock Trial
1		 DVD: The Pianist A movie depicting how great artistic talent led to the survival of Poland's most accomplished Pianist.
	Sunday Night:	The Death For Dixie: New Yorker Magazine article detailing a murder involving the
	Study Hall Assignment	display of the Confederate Flag in Todd County, KY. The power of symbols.

DAY 11 7/9	Student Reports:	Two Reports:
M O	German War Machine	Blitzkrieg (lightning war) Mechanized War: Panzer and Tiger Tanks. Luffwaffe / Herman Goering Assault Rifles
N D	Dr. Cohron	Weapons of World War II Personal Collection (A Hands-On Activity).
A Y	The War Years: The Price Of Freedom	Stalingrad: Enemy At The Gates – 30 minutes depicting the location where Hitler's tide of conquest crested.
		D-Day: Saving Private Ryan – 30 minutes depicting the D-Day landing and the high cost price paid by American troops to gain a foothold on the beach at Normandy.
	Why The United States Failed To Accept More Jews	The US knew about the Holocaust but failed to act for a variety of reasons. All told, the US admitted approximately 150,000 Jews during the 1930s and through the mid-1940s. Could and should we have done more?
	Student Reports:	Two Reports:
	Operation Valkyrie Study Hall Assignment:	The plot to kill Hitler. The Wonderful Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl

DAY 12 7/10	Class Discussion Student Reports	The Wonderful Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl Two Reports:
T U	Class Projects	Mural – Play - Trial
E S D A	Nuremberg War Crimes Trial	Nuremberg - Why is it so difficult to put war criminals on trial? - Why were so few Nazis brought to justice in light of the enormous scale of the Holocaust? - Herman Goering Not remorseful - Albert Speer Remorseful
Y	War Crimes	Why Should War Criminals Have Legal Rights?
	Student Reports	Two Student Reports:
	Study Hall Assignment	Class Projects: Mural – Play – Trial

DAY 13 7/11	Class Projects:	Mural - Play - Trial Big Work Day For The Class Projects!
W E D N E	Student Reports	Two Reports
S D	MOCK TRIAL	1:00 PM
A Y	Class Discussion	Performance of the Judge, Prosecution Team, Defense Team, Hitler, and the Jury.
	Study Hall Assignment:	Play participants practice for performance. Mural Project for everyone else.

DAY 14 7/12	Student Reports	Two Reports:		
T H U R	Modern Day Hate Groups Class Discussion	Beyond Hate, Bill Moyers - What motivates one to develop intense hatred toward another or another group?		
S D A Y		American History X - Why would one join a gang or hate group what is the attraction?		
	Student Reports	Two Reports		
	Anne Frank Play	1:00 PM		
	Class Discussion	The Story of Anne Frank		

DAY 15 7/13	TEST II	Review for test and answer questions.		
F	Modern Day Hate Groups	Beyond Hate, Bill Moyers KKK, Neo-Nazis, the Balkans, Rwanda,		
R I D A Y	Sixty-Six Questions:	Jasper, Texas - Movie takes place in a small Texas town where a terrible race motivated murder took place of the Jews and arguing that the Holocaust is a Jewis hoax designed to create sympathy.		
	Holocaust Denial 9/11	Conspiracy theories YouTube: 9/11 Conspiracy US government planned and carried out the attacks as a justification to militarily invade the Middle-East for oil. - Post 9/11 attitudes toward Muslims. - USA-Patriot Act. - Over the top political rhetoric questioning Americanism.		
	Targets of Current Day Discrimination:	Hispanics - Border issues. - Competition for low wage jobs. - Strain on social programs. - California and Arizonia.		
	Mural Project	Homosexuals - Don't Ask, Don't Tell Policy. Finished – Fixed – Delivered To Garrett For Display		