

## Home Page



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## URL

<https://www.ushmm.org/learn/holocaust-encyclopedia>

## Subject

Holocaust-Encyclopedias

## Accessibility

Free

## Language

Multilingual (English, Urdu, French, Chinese, Turkish, Indonesian, Spanish and others)

## Publisher

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC.

## Scope and Coverage

It covers detailed information about the Holocaust and the events surrounding it. It includes 769 articles on holocaust, 600 biographies of the persons under the "ID Card" category, 166 artifacts (e.g. - Dresses, Bible, children's books, boots, doll, poster advertising anti-Jewish boycott, matchbox cover with Japanese propaganda illustration etc.), 47 documents related to the holocaust (like hand-drawn plan of Westerbork transit camp, passport, radiogram, postcard etc.), 187 historical film footage with description (e.g.- Hitler's Paris tour, Hitler campaign speech, Mussolini's meeting with Hitler in German, Hajj Amin al-Husayni's meeting with Hitler etc.), 456 oral history on holocaust and related events with video footage and the written

description from the persons who had been affected by the incident, 12 animated maps ( like Holocaust, rescue, World War 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Holocaust, liberation of Nazi camps etc.), 379 maps (like Major Nazi camps in Austria, Nazi camps in the Low Countries-1940-1945, major death marches from Buchenwald-April 1945, Nazi camps in occupied Poland-1939-1945 etc.), 12 music, 2551 number of photographs (arrival of a transport at the Westerbork camp, deportation from the Westerbork transit camp, German Jewish refugees etc.).

### ***Kind of Information***

This encyclopedia includes articles as well as photographs, music, maps, animated maps, oral history, historical film footages, documents, artifacts, ID cards and the like. The site includes biographies, pictures related to the Holocaust.

It includes articles, like, “Refugees”, “Jewish Aid and Rescue”, “Liberation of Nazi Camps”, “Forced Labor: An Overview”, “Gassing Operations” etc. In every article, like, “Forced Labor: An Overview”, there are links to related photographs, artifacts, maps etc., where applicable. It gives a link to related articles. It also provides one the opportunity to give a comment on an article of this encyclopedia. All these comments are also to be found listed in this site. For every article, the updation history of the article is incorporated.

In “Photograph” there is a small description on a particular photo. Links to related articles, provision to browse all other photographs etc. are available here. As for example, the photograph “Cheering crowds greet Hitler as he enters Vienna. Austria, March 1938” bears with it small description, links to related articles named “Austria”, “Vienna”. It gives “brows all photographs” options.

In “Music” category one can find the audio file, name of the performer, music composer and the lyricist. The lyric is also present. The lyrics of the songs are also provided in other languages. “Browse all music” are also provided to browse the music available in the site.

Similar kind of information is also provided under the “Artifacts”, “Document”, “Oral history”, “Maps” and “Animated Maps”.

### ***Special Features***

- ❖ There is a link to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Gmail.
- ❖ Facilities to translate a page in any other languages are provided here.
- ❖ The encyclopedia provides Holocaust related films, music,

photographs and artifacts.

- ❖ In “Holocaust and Related Maps” option, there is a provision to install Google earth.
- ❖ The encyclopedia is linked to the website of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Links to “Learn about The Holocaust”, “Remember Survivors and Victims”, “Confront Genocide”, “Confront Antisemitism” which are direct parts of the Museum’s website are seen in the top portion of the home page of the encyclopedia to provide more information on this subject area.
- ❖ To find items of various types like ID Card, Artifact, Document, Historical Film Footage, Oral History, Animated Map, Map, Music and Photograph on the Holocaust, users need to choose a particular type from the search bar and type an item name in the search bar. Then after entering into that particular item one will see the “Browse all” button for that particular type and clicking on that all the items on that particular type will be displayed in hyperlinked state.

### ***Arrangement Pattern***

All the information available in this encyclopedia are arranged under several categories like Article, ID Card, Artifact, Document, Historical Film Footage, Oral History, Animated Map, Map, Music and Photograph.

Articles are organized under different broad headings like “Featured Articles”, “More Featured Articles”, “The Third Reich”, “Rescue and resistance”, “The Holocaust”, “After the Holocaust”, “Victims of the Nazi era” in the home page of the encyclopedia.

There is a link named “Articles A-Z” in the home page (under broad heading “Additional Resources”) which gives alphabetic list of articles.

Below the main page there is an option “Browse All Id Cards” (under broad heading “Additional Resources”) which gives user to browse alphabetic list of all Id cards available here.

Within a particular entry of the following types like Artifact, Document, Historical Film Footage, Oral History, Animated Map, Map, Music, Photograph, one will find a “Browse all” option for that particular type and there all the items on that type are displayed in hyperlinked state. For example, one needs to open an entry named “Postcard sent to Ruth

Segal (Back)” under “Document” type and below this document “Browse all Documents” option is found. Clicking on it one will find the thumbnail display of total 47 documents.

***Remarks***

This encyclopedia is very useful to know about the Holocaust in details. Articles, pictures of artifacts, oral history, ordinary and animated maps, videos, photographs, music on the Holocaust, renew the memory of human beings about this barbaric historical event. Students, teachers, researchers as well as the layman really find it a handy reference tool to gather vivid information on the Holocaust. Its direct link to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum’s website also works as a special facility to the users to learn more on this topic, beyond the periphery of this encyclopedia.

***Comparable Tools***

- Holocaust Survivors – Encyclopedia (<http://www.holocaustsurvivors.org>)
- Mass Violence and Resistance - Research Network (<http://www.sciencespo.fr/mass-violence-war-massacre-resistance/en/homepage>)

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