

# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



History, PSHE



7 to 11 years old



30 minutes to 2 hours

## Introduction

### What is Holocaust Memorial Day?

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27 January every year. On this day, people across the country take part in activities to remember terrible events that took place in the past. In these events, people were hurt or even killed just because of who they were, their religion or the colour of their skin.

### What happened in the Second World War?

One of the biggest events that people think about on Holocaust Memorial Day is the Second World War, which took place about 80 years ago.

In the Second World War, the Nazi Party was in control in Germany and was led by a man called Adolf Hitler. The Nazis believed that German people were better than Jewish people and did not like other groups such as gay people and Black people.

The Nazis tried to round up all the Jewish people and others they did not like. They put them in ghettos and concentration camps, treated them badly and even killed them. This is known as the Holocaust.

### After the Second World War

In 1945 the Nazis were defeated by Britain and its allies, which included the United States of America. This meant that the Holocaust was over and that Jewish people were free.

However, similar events have happened since in other countries around the world. On Holocaust Memorial Day we also think about these events and the people involved.

### Talking Point

### Can you answer the following questions?

In which war did the Holocaust take place?

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In what month does Holocaust Memorial Day take place?

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Which groups of people did the Nazis think they were better than?

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Where were Jewish people sent to during the Holocaust?

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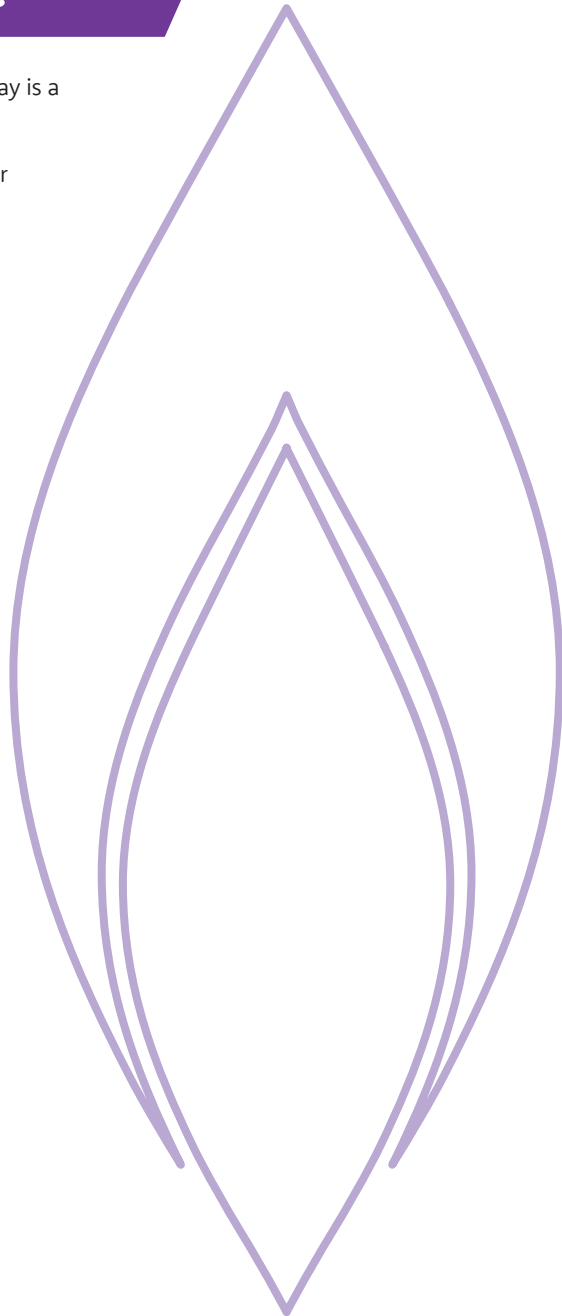
### Talk about these questions with a teacher, guardian or family member.

1. Why is it wrong to treat people badly just because they are different?
2. How can you make sure that you treat everyone with respect?

# Memorial Flame

The symbol for Holocaust Memorial Day is a Memorial Flame.

The Memorial Flame is a symbol of our promise to remember the people who were hurt or killed in the Holocaust and similar events. It also shows that we want to be the light in the darkness, to try and stop anything like the Holocaust happening again.



**Can you colour in or decorate the flame to remember those who were hurt or lost?**

**Write an acrostic poem about the Holocaust using the word 'flame'.**

**Here's mine:**

**For the people who  
Lost their lives  
And were treated badly  
May we remember you  
Every year, on this day**

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These activities are inspired by resources available on the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust's website.

For more resources and information about how you can mark Holocaust Memorial Day, please visit: [hmd.org.uk](http://hmd.org.uk)