The Diary of Anne Frank “WebQuest”

Background Knowledge of the Time Period

In the beginning: The Rise of Nazism → Go to: http://fcit.coedu.usf.edu/Holocaust/timeline/nazirise.htm

World War I was pivotal in setting Germany up to follow the Nazis and Adolf Hitler. You will now go back to Germany and see for yourself the impact Hitler had on the German people. Use the “Rise of the Nazi Party” to answer the following questions:

1. How did the end of WWI leave Germany open to follow a man like Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party?

2. When did Hitler become the official leader of the Nazi Party?

3. What was Mein Kampf?

4. What reason did Hitler give for attempting to annihilate the Jewish people?


On September 15, 1935, the Nuremberg Laws were passed. These laws severely limited what Jews could do in Germany. Using “The Nuremburg Race Laws”, answer the following questions:

1. What are Aryans?

2. List 3 restrictions placed on German Jews (Please include what they were required to carry as one):
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The Final Solution → Go to: http://www.remember.org/guide/Facts.root.final.html

The Final Solution was the way the Nazis decided to deal with the Jewish problem. This 'Final Solution' would result in the death of over 5 million European Jews. Go behind the front lines to discover how this could be accomplished in a 'civilized world.' Use “The ‘Final Solution’” to answer the following questions:

1. What was the Madagascar Plan?

2. Why didn't the process of emigration (leaving Germany) work for the Jews?

3. Describe how the Jews were transported to the death camps.

4. Who was in charge of transporting the Jews to the death camps?

The Concentration Camps → Go to: http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/auconditions.html


One of the most challenging tasks in this “WebQuest” is to read about the concentration camps. You will find this information to be extremely unsettling, but the world must know what happened there. Please use “Living Conditions, Labor and Executions” and “Auschwitz” to answer the following questions:

1. Describe the living conditions at any of the concentration camps.

2. Forced labor is part of the concentration camps. How many hours are the prisoners forced to work each day?

3. Describe the food given each day to a prisoner at Auschwitz.

4. How many people eventually lost their lives at Auschwitz?