

The Holocaust

Between the time period of 1941 to 1945, it was a dark time for millions of Jews around Germany. The 2nd World War had begun because the leader of Germany at that time was Hitler. Hitler did not like Jews because of the religion and he also blamed them for losing World War I.

He forced them to wear a yellow star with the word 'Jude' (meaning 'jew') on it. Life was not easy for Jews because they could only buy from Jewish stores and had to be at home at a particular time.

After few months, the 'Ghetto' was created. This was a small area in town surrounded by fencing and barbed-wire so no Jews could go out of that area. It was extremely crowded and the people didn't have much water, food and medicine. Usually in the ghetto each family had only one room to share.

As time went by, people were taken to the concentration camps. They said it was a nicer and bigger place for Jews to live in but that was not the case. The Concentration camps were horrible. They were just like prison camps. They let them starve to death. People were forced to do hard labour. The weak were quickly killed and a big amount of Jews were taken to large rooms also known as gas chambers and killed with poisoned gas.

It was horrible. Between 6,000,000 and 11,000,000 people died. So to remember all those who died during the war, we have a day dedicated to these people. This day is the 27th January. On this day, people usually plant yellow flowers in the form of a star.

On 10th November 2016, we did a small activity in our school garden to remember all these innocent people.

My teachers, my classmates and I planted yellow flowers. We also put a yellow star over them to remember all the children who died during the war.



There are a lot of books about the Holocaust and two of my favorites are 'The diary of Anne Frank' and 'The boy in the striped Pyjamas'



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