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In America 1933-45: Response to the Holocaust Virtual Tour Guide

Essential Questions:

1. How should a nation that values justice and freedom react when defenseless people living outside its borders face persecution or genocide?
2. Is there any responsibility to speak out against tyranny?
3. Is there any danger in ignoring what is transpiring in distant parts of the world?

Explore each section of *In America 1933-45: Response to the Holocaust*

[Online Exhibit](#)

Section One: Who We Were, What We Knew, and When We Responded

1. How did American Jews respond to anti-Jewish laws and measures in Nazi Germany?
2. How did antisemitism impact the American response to the growing anti-Jewish measures in Nazi Germany?
3. How did immigration restrictions impact the American response to the growing numbers of Jewish refugees?

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4. How did American Jews attempt to bring their relatives to the United States? What issues did they face in their attempts?

5. Summarize the American response to *Kristallnacht*.

6. According to the exhibit, what did Americans know about the actions of Hitler and the Nazis in Germany? When did they know it?

Section Two: Who We Were, What We Knew, and When We Responded

7. What was the Joint Emergency Committee on European Affairs (JEC)? What was the result of their actions?

8. What was the Bermuda Conference? What was the result of their actions?

9. What was the American Jewish Conference? What was the result of their actions?

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10. What was the United Nations War Crimes Commission (WCC)? What was the result of their actions?

11. What was the War Refugee Board (WRB)? What was the result of their actions?

12. What happened to the Hungarian Jews?

13. Were any refugees brought to the United States? When and where?

Section Three: Rescuing the Future

14. Describe some of the efforts to by various organizations to rescue European Jews from Nazi persecution.

15. How would you describe the success of these organizations?

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Section Four: In San Antonio

16. How did organizations in San Antonio reach out to help Jewish refugees?

17. Read through the personal stories of refugees to San Antonio. Select one of these stories and briefly describe their experiences as a refugee?

18. How did Lydon Baines Johnson contribute to the rescue efforts of European Jews during the Holocaust?

Section Five: The Remnant

19. In the face of death, Hitler's victims may have wondered about the silence of the world. Where were the voices that should have been raised in protest? Where was the family of nations that might have intervened?

20. Where do our responsibilities for each other start? Where do they end?