

# Short lesson 1: What was a Nazi concentration camp? (Part 1)

What were Nazi concentration camps like?

# Lesson 1 overview

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**Hello! In this 30 minute lesson you are going to;**

- 1 a) Create a mind map of what you think a typical Nazi concentration camp was like. (10 mins.)
- 1 b) Use the Nazi concentration camp website to read an account from a Polish teenager of life in a camp called Stutthof. You will use this information to add to your mind map. (15 mins.)
- 1 c) Take a multiple-choice 5 question quiz to see how your knowledge and understanding of camps is developing. (5 mins.)

# Key terms for this lesson

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Key term	Meaning
concentration camp	a camp used to detain civilians who were seen as enemies of the Nazis
Gestapo	the secret police of Nazi Germany
infirmary	a hospital
liberation	set free
Stutthof	a Nazi concentration camp set up in 1944 as a reception camp for prisoners from other concentration camps
typhus	an infectious disease that can cause death

# 1 a) What was a Nazi concentration camp like?

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On an A4 piece of plain paper, create a mind map to describe what you think a Nazi concentration camp would have looked like.

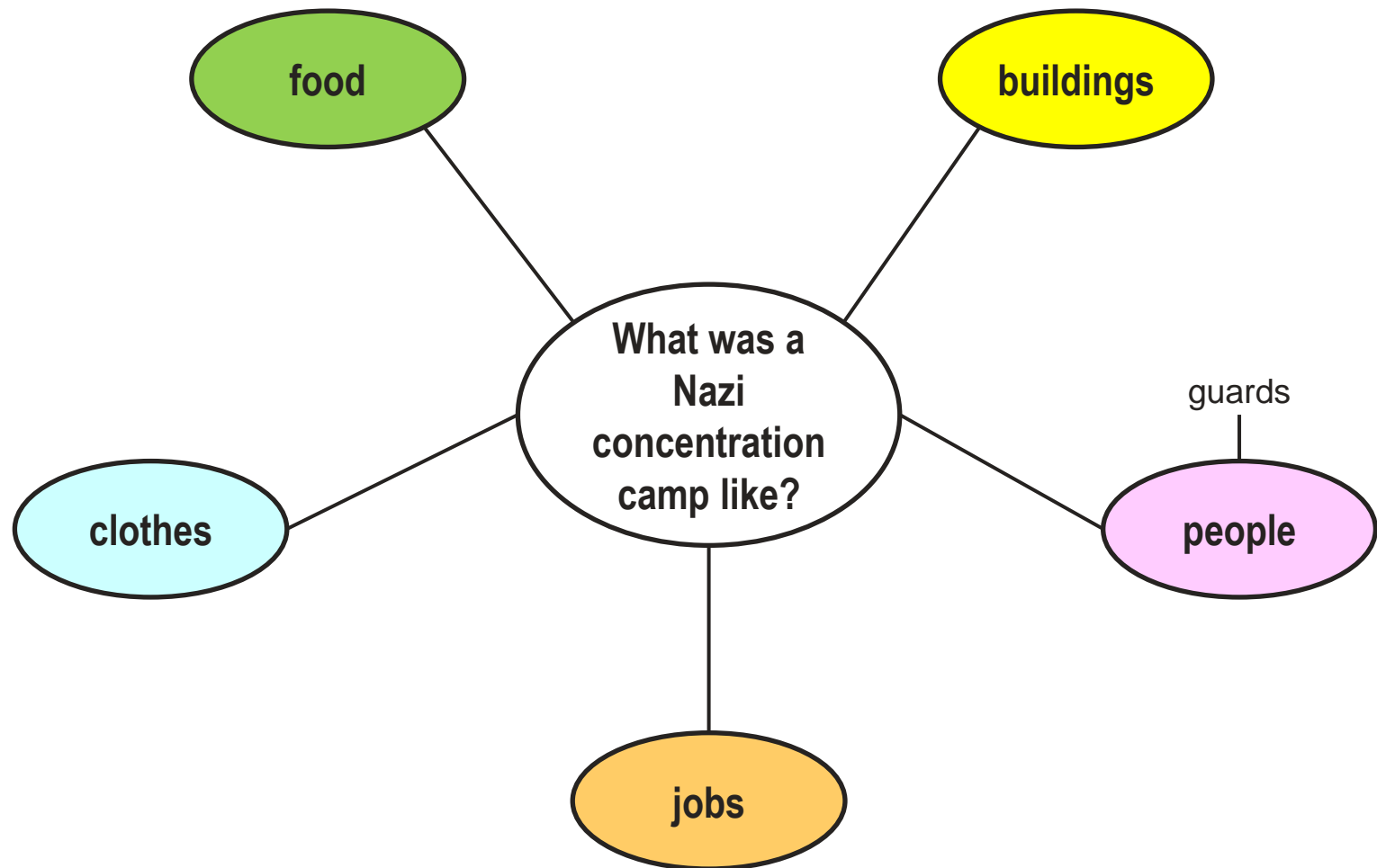
Don't worry if you're not too sure about some things. Just record words that help describe what you think you know.

On the next slide is the outline of a mind map, with some possible headings. Feel free to add some of your own too. You can use this if you want, or create your own from scratch.



# 1 a) Creating a mind map

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# 1 b) What was Stutthof like?



Look at the map. Can you find where Stutthof is?

Which country is it in?

Why is it not easy to tell?



**SS Concentration  
Camp System  
(Main Camps): 1944**

# 1 b) What was Stutthof like?



Stutthof is in Germany.

Before the Second World War, Germany was divided by Poland by what was called the 'Polish corridor.' It's shown where the port of Danzing is.

This was so Poland could get access to the Baltic Sea for shipping and trading.



# 1 b) What was Stutthof like?



Now click on this icon  
to go to **Stutthof** on the  
**Nazi concentration camp website**



- Find the camp Stutthof and click on it.
- In 'Show related resources' read the document 'The Polish teenager Ludwika Lady on Stutthof in 1944-45'
- Choose a different coloured pen. What new information about the camps can you now add to your mind map? (You may need to create new headings)





# 1 c) End of lesson quiz



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You will be given **5 multiple-choice questions** to see how your knowledge and understanding of Nazi concentration camps is developing.

Use a pen and paper to record your answers.

At the end of the quiz are three answers. You can use this to see how you've done after you've recorded your best answers..

# 1 c) End of lesson quiz

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## Question 1

**Stutthof is in which country?**

**A. Poland**

**B. Germany**

**C. Austria**

**D. The Soviet Union**

# 1 c) End of lesson quiz

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## Question 2

What type of camp was Stutthof?

- A. A transit camp
- B. A death camp
- C. A labour camp
- D. A reception camp, for prisoners from other camps

# 1 c) End of lesson quiz

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## Question 3

In the spring of 1944 there were around 7,500 inmates. By the summer of 1944, what had that number changed to?

- A. 750
- B. 16,000
- C. 60,000
- D. 75,000

# 1 c) End of lesson quiz

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## Question 4

In October 1944, what broke out in Stuthoff?

- A. smallpox
- B. cholera
- C. measles
- D. typhus

# 1 c) End of lesson quiz

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## Question 5

Which of the following statements is true?

- A. Stuthoff was a 'typical' concentration camp
- B. Like Stuthoff, all camps were set up in 1944
- C. Like Stuthoff, all camps had outbreaks of typhus
- D. It's hard to tell how 'typical' a concentration camp Stutthof without looking at other examples of camps.

# 1 c) End of lesson quiz

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## Answers

1. **B Stutthof is in Germany.** It is divided from the rest of Germany by Poland.
2. **D Stutthof was a reception camp for prisoners from other camps.** Note that there were many different types of camp created by the Nazis.
3. **C By the summer of 1944 Stuthoff had 60,000 prisoners.** The overcrowding had devastating effects.
4. **D In October 1944 there was an outbreak of typhus in Stutthof,** as a result of overcrowding.
5. **D. It's hard to tell how 'typical' a concentration camp Stutthof without looking at other examples of camps.**

# End of mini-lesson 1

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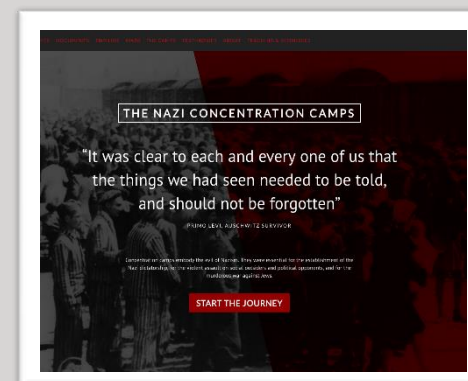
**Well done!**

You have now completed the first of six lessons about the Nazi concentration camps.

We look forward to seeing you soon for lesson 2, where you will get to use the Nazi concentration camps website to explore a range of other camps. This will help you start to identify similarities and differences between them.



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