

Short lesson 2: What was a Nazi concentration camp? (Part 2)

What were Nazi concentration camps like?

Lesson 2 overview



**Hi! I hope you found the first lesson interesting!
In this 30-minute lesson you are going to;**

- 2 a) Look at two different camps on the Nazi concentration camp website and use the documents to add to your mind map 'What was a Nazi concentration camp like?' (22 mins)
- 2 b) Consider what new things you have learnt about concentration camps compared with when you first started your mind map. (3 mins.)
- 2 c) Take a quiz to see how your knowledge and understanding of camps has developed. (5 mins.)



Key terms for this lesson

Key term	Meaning
indifferent	not interested or caring about what's happening
inmate	Someone who is confined in a place and not allowed to leave
impassive	not feeling or showing emotion
lice	small insects that live on the scalp and feed on human blood
provisional	temporary
Prussian	After an area of North East Germany called Prussia, which doesn't exist today, but which was known for having a strict and disciplined army
SS	Elite Nazis who ran the concentration camps
travesty	something that is shocking and offensive

2 a) What did a Nazi concentration camp look like?



First, look at the map.
Can you find the two camps **Majdanek** and **Ravensbrück**?

You will be researching these two camps using the **Nazi concentration camps website**

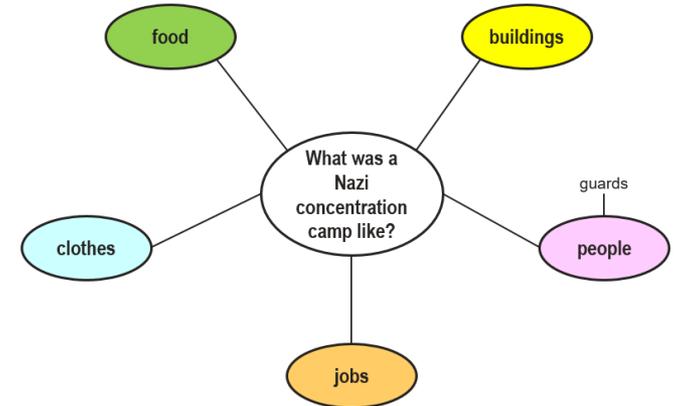


**SS Concentration
Camp System
(Main Camps):1944**

2 a) What did a Nazi concentration camp look like?



Now click this link to go to the 'Camps' page of the **Nazi concentration camp website**



- Click on the following 2 camps and read the documents indicated;
- Ravensbrück 014** The German prisoner Margarete Buber-Neumann on Ravensbrück in Summer 1940.
 - Majdanek 030** – The prisoner Dionys Lenard on early mornings in Majdanek
- Choose different coloured pens to add any new information about the camps to your mind map. Use a different colour for each camp and add a key

2 b) Reflecting on your mind map



Task time: 5 minutes

Look at your mind map. See how it has developed as you've added on new information from your original ideas.

If someone was now to ask you 'What was a Nazi concentration camp?', what would you now say?

2 c) End of lesson quiz



On the next slide you will be given 8 statements about Nazi concentration camps. Some are True and some are False.

Indicate which statements are True. For those that are false, try to explain *why* they might be false.

At the end of the quiz are the answers. You can use this to see how you've done.

2 c) End of lesson quiz: True/False

Nazi concentration camps...

1. were based only in Germany
2. were sometimes short of guards, and so had to employ guards from other countries, such as Lithuania.
3. were sometimes built badly because of a shortage of materials
4. were chronically overcrowded
5. had fixed numbers of inmates that rarely changed
6. were also all commonly known as 'death camps'
7. sometimes held just women, such as at Ravensbrück
8. sometimes made inmates do forced labour

1 c) End of lesson quiz: True/False

Answers:

Nazi concentration camps...

1. were based only in Germany **F**
2. were sometimes short of guards, and so had to employ guards from other countries, such as Lithuania. **T**
3. were sometimes built badly because of a shortage of materials **T**
4. were always overcrowded **F**
5. had fixed numbers of inmates that rarely changed **F**
6. were also all commonly known as 'death camps' **F**
7. sometimes held just women, such as at Ravensbrück **T**
8. sometimes made inmates do forced labour **T**

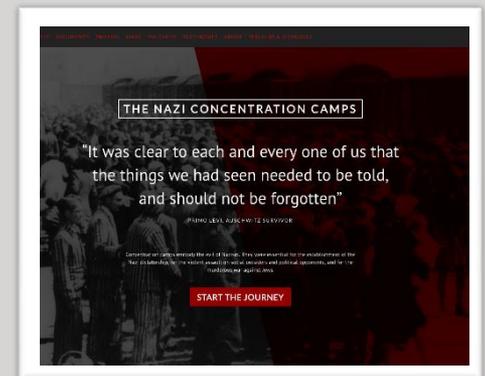
End of short lesson 2

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 3, where you start to explore the enquiry question; '*What did ordinary Germans know about the Nazi concentration camp system?*'

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