

Key Words

Historical

Auschwitz	The largest and deadliest concentration camp, located in Nazi-occupied Poland
Buchenwald	One of the first and largest concentration camps, established in 1937 near Weimar in
	Germany
concentration camp	SS camp used to confine and persecute Nazi prisoners
death march	A forced march from evacuated concentration camps to prevent prisoners from falling
	into Allied hands
Dachau	The first concentration camp opened by Himmler near Munich in 1933, originally set up
	for political prisoners
Dora	A concentration camp in central Germany, built in 1943 as a satellite camp of
	Buchenwald for the underground production of V2 rockets
Flossenbürg	A concentration camp built in 1938 by the SS near quarries in Bavaria, Germany
Himmler	Chief of the SS and German police who oversaw the Holocaust
Hitler Youth (HJ)	Nazi youth organisation, with compulsory membership for German boys and girls from
	1939 onwards
Mauthausen	Concentration camp set up near quarries in Austria in 1938
satellite camps	Smaller subcamps for forced labour linked to the larger main concentration camps
SS	The SS (Schutzstaffel, or "Protection Squad"), a paramilitary Nazi formation, in charge of
	guarding the concentration camps
V2 rockets	The world's first long range guided ballistic missile, used by Germany towards the end of
	the war
Zebras	Nickname given to prisoners on account of their striped uniforms

General

apathetic	Not being interested in or caring about something (see indifference)
asocial	Living according to different rules; social outsiders
blaspheme	To speak badly about God or sacred things
collaboration	Working together
diligence	Being careful and thorough
discreet	Being careful about what you say to other people. Not saying too much
émigrés	People who have left their country to live in another one, often for political reasons
fugitive	An escaped prisoner
indifference	Not being interested in or caring about something (see apathetic)
inmates	Prisoners
massacre	The killing of a large number of often defenceless people
mendacious	Lying
parasite	Something that lives off something else; used as a propaganda term by the Nazis to denigrate the Jews and other social outsiders
propaganda	Misleading information used to persuade somebody

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recidivist	A convicted criminal who keeps reoffending
remnant	Something 'left over'
sanatoria	Places to medically treat people with a chronic illness
sobriety	Not drinking alcohol
solidarity	People supporting each other and standing up for others
vagabond	A homeless person with no job