

‘Understanding the Holocaust: How and why did it happen?’

A research-informed textbook

FAQs

What is it?

The world’s first, research-informed textbook on Holocaust education, suitable for use at Key Stage 3. The textbook is written by experts at the UCL Centre for Holocaust Education, and published by Hodder Education. It was published in October 2020.

Sounds very cutting edge. Who is it for?

Teachers who teach about the Holocaust at Key Stage 3. It is aimed at history teachers, but teachers in other subjects may apply if they use intend to use the book extensively.

Perfect. So how much does it cost?

A free class set of textbooks is available to any state funded school in England that teaches about the Holocaust at Key Stage 3.

That sounds too good to be true! What’s the catch?

There isn’t one, but there are provisions. The textbooks are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Initially, to ensure fair distribution, no single school can receive more than 3 class sets.

How do I get one?

The first full print run of textbooks have been delivered across the country, to a very warm and positive reception from teachers. A second print run is planned for early in the New Year and textbooks will continue to be distributed free of charge to teachers who have pre-registered on our distribution list. To be added to the distribution list, teachers can register and complete a short online CPD course.

Where do I access the course?

[To Access the course click here.](#)

Does the course take a long time? What happens when I’ve completed it?

The course lasts around 45 minutes, and you can work through it at your own pace. When you’ve finished it, you can immediately download a certificate of completion. Your name will then be added to the distribution list and, when further hard-copies of the textbooks are printed in early the New Year, your books will be dispatched to your school.

Is there a deadline for completing the course?

The course will remain open. It can be completed at any time, but early completion is recommended.

Am I guaranteed a class set?

No. It depends on whether your school has already received three class sets, and when your name has been added to the distribution list. Textbooks will be distributed in phases. The first phase print run of textbooks have been delivered. A second, general release phase has now opened. During the second phase priority will be given to any teacher who registered and completed the course during the first phase but did not receive a class set. Once this commitment has been fulfilled, class sets will be distributed to those who have registered and completed the course after October 2020, subject to availability.

I'm not a history teacher. Can I still do the course and get a class-set?

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Is it possible to buy copies of the textbook?

Yes, copies are available for purchase from Hodder Education's website.

I don't live in England. Am I eligible for this offer?

Unfortunately not. The free class sets are currently only available to teachers in England.

I teach in an independent school. Can I receive a free class-set?

At the present time the free class-sets are only available to teachers working in state maintained secondary schools.

How are you able to produce and distribute the book for free?

The development, design and distribution of the textbook has been generously funded by the Toni Schiff Memorial Fund and the Pears Foundation. We are very grateful for their incredible support in helping teachers deepen students' knowledge and understanding of this important history in schools across the country.