

Holocaust Education Videos

Curriculum Materials Center

This is an annotated list of education videos that are appropriate for grades 3-12. Additional online lesson planning resources for some of the videos are noted. These videos both in DVD and VHS format are located in Media Services and may be viewed in the library or checked out.

Amen. (2003). New York: Kino on Video. (Grades 9-12).

A newly commissioned SS Lieutenant witnesses the horrors of interred Jews and seeks the advice of a young priest with ties to the Vatican. Together they fight to reveal the truth to the Church and the world.

Call Number: Media Services DVD 96

America and the Holocaust: Deceit and indifference. (1998). Alexandria, VA: PBS Video. (Grades 6-12).

Explores the factors that shaped America's response to the Holocaust through interviews, official photos, home movies, and archival footage.

Note: Curriculum resources available from:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/holocaust/guide/index.html>

Call Number: Media Services VC 4600 v. 44

The attic: The hiding of Anne Frank. (1992). United States: Cabin Fever Entertainment. (Grades 6-12).

During World War II under the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, Miep Gies hides two Jewish families in the attic over the office where she works.

Call Number: Media Services VC 3561

The Bielski brothers: The unknown partisans. (1996). Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities & Sciences. (Grades 9-12).

The two surviving Bielski brothers explain how they commanded the largest Jewish partisan group in occupied Europe during World War II.

Call Number: Media Services VC 3892

Berga soldiers of another war: A true story. (2003). Alexandria, VA: PBS Video. (Grades 6-12).

The story of American infantrymen captured during the Battle of the Bulge and sent to Berga, a Nazi slave labor camp, where they suffered the same fate as the Jews in the camp.

Note: Curriculum resources available from:

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/berga/teachers.html>

Call Number: Media Services VC 4600 v. 393

The children of Chabannes. (1999). New York: Perennial Pictures Inc. (Grades 6-12).

A tale of courage, resilience, and love set during World War II. The people of this tiny village in France saved the lives of 400 Jewish refugee children until the war reached the doorsteps of the chateau in 1942.

Note: Curriculum resources available from:

http://www.centerforsocialmedia.org/resources/teaching_materials/

Call Number: Media Services VC 4704

Children remember the Holocaust. (1996). Van Nuys, CA: Churchill Media. (Grades 9-12).

Examines the plight of Jewish children during the Holocaust as revealed through their diaries.

Call Number: Media Services VC 3893

Dark lullabies. (1985). Canada: National Film Board of Canada. (Grades 9-12).

The daughter of survivors of Dachau concentration camp travels to Israel and Germany to gain an understanding of her parents' experience.

Call Number: Media Services VC 1816

The Diary of Anne Frank. (1979). Farmington Hills, MI: Magnetic Video. (Grades 6-12).

A true story based on events recorded in the diary of a young Jewish girl during two years of hiding from the Germans in an Amsterdam attic.

Call Number: Media Services VC 73

Europa europa. (1991). New York: Orion Home Video. (Grades 9-12).

The true story of a Jewish teenager who survived World War II by living as a Nazi for seven years. (In German and Russian with English subtitles).

Call Number: Media Services VC 2520

Fate did not let me go. (2003). Los Angeles: Terra Entertainment. (Grades 6-12).

A mother's farewell letter written to her son just days before she dies in a concentration camp mysteriously reaches her son fifty years later.

Note: Curriculum resources available from:

<http://www.fatedidnotletmego.org/schoolguide/>

Call Number: Media Services DVD 893

For the living. (1993). Alexandria, VA: PBS Video. (Grades 9-12).

Chronicles the creation, building, and design of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.

Call Number: Media Services VC 4600 v. 172

Hate.com: Extremists on the Internet. (2000). Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities.

(Grades 9-12).

Focuses on the use of the Internet to spread messages of hate and violence including the Holocaust.

Note: Curriculum resources available from: <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/index.jsp>

Call Number: Media Services VC 5017

- Holocaust.*** (199?). New York: MasterVision Inc. (Grades 9-12).
Susan Sontag with a group of students explores the meaning of Hitler's genocide.
Call Number: Media Services VC 3550
- Holocaust on trial.*** (2000). Boston: WGBH Educational Foundation. (Grades 6-12).
A reconstruction of the courtroom proceedings as David Irving defends himself and Hitler's atrocities. Raises the origins of the final solution and horrors of the Nazi death camps. A Nova presentation.
Note: Curriculum resources available from: <http://pbs.org/wgbh/nova/holocaust/>
Call Number: Media Services VC 5396
- Into the arms of strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport.*** (2001). Burbank, CA: Warner Home Video. (Grades 6-12).
The life-affirming tale of 10,000 children saved from Hitler's grasp and placed with foster parents and hostels in Great Britain at the outbreak of World War II.
Note: Curriculum resource available from: <http://www.intothearmsofstrangers.com/studyguide>
Call Number: Media Services DVD 128
- The last days.*** (1999). New York: PolyGram Video. (Grades 9-12).
Traces the experiences of five Hungarian Holocaust survivors who fell victim to Hitler's brutal war against the Jews in the final days of World War II.
Call Number: Media Services VC 4707
- The life of Anne Frank.*** (1996). Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities. (Grades 6-12).
The story of Anne Frank told through quotations from her diary.
Call Number: Media Services VC 4443
- Lodz ghetto.*** (1992). Bethesda, MD: Atlas Video. (Grades 6-12).
Based on diaries and photographs from the ghetto this film gives a chronological account of life in the Lodz ghetto.
Call Number: Media Services VC 3536
- The long way home.*** (2003). New York: Koch Lorber Films. (Grades 9-12).
Documentary tracing the stories of courage in the years between the end of World War II and the formation of the state of Israel. Includes original broadcasts and personal testimonies of Holocaust survivors.
Call Number: Media Services DVD 118
- Maine survivors remember the Holocaust.*** (1994). Bangor, ME: Maine Public Television. (Grades 6-12).
Interviews of eight Maine survivors and an American liberator, give personal stories of how the Holocaust affected individual Jews.
Call Number: Media Services VC 4020

- Master Race.*** (1998). Burlington, VT: WGBH Educational Foundation. (Grades 9-12).
German Jews recall their persecution and internment in concentration camps as Hitler's master race pursued its destiny.
Note: Curriculum resources available from:
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/peoplescentury/teachers/tgmaster.html>
Call Number: Media Services VC 4600 v. 176a
- Memories of Anne Frank.*** (1999). Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities & Sciences. (Grades 6-12).
Filmed in the Frank's Apartment and the building that housed the Opecta offices and the Franks' secret refuge, Miep Gies recounts her experiences working for Otto Frank and hiding the Frank family.
Call Number: Media Services VC 5166
- Memory of the camps.*** (1995). Alexandria, VA: PBS Video. (Grades 9-12).
Archival footage taken by British and American photographers document the conditions Allied troops found when they liberated Nazi concentration camps. A Frontline presentation.
Note: Curriculum resources available from:
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/camps/>
Call Number: Media Services VC 4600 v. 174
- Night and fog.*** (2003). United States: Criterion Collection. (Grades 6-12).
This film documents the camps of Auschwitz and Majdanek reflecting on the horrors of the Holocaust against the backdrop of the abandoned camps and their empty buildings.
Call Number: Media Services DVD 510
- Number the stars.*** (1994). Alexandria, VA: PBS Video. (Grades 3-7).
Tells the story of a Danish Christian family who saves the life of a Danish Jewish family from the Nazis in 1943.
Call Number: Media Services VC 4301
- One survivor remembers.*** (1996). New York: HBO. (Grades 8-12).
Gerda Weissman Klein takes us on a journey of survival through one of the most devastating events in the history of mankind.
Note: Curriculum resource available from:
<http://www.tolerance.org/teach/resources/survivor.jsp>
Call Number: Media Services VC 3734
- The optimists: The story of the rescue of the Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust.*** (2001). Evanston, IL: New Day Films. (Grades 9-12).
A documentary film tells how the Bulgarian Christians and Muslims found ways to protect fifty-thousand Jews from the Holocaust.
Call Number: Media Services VC 5533

The pianist. (2003). Universal City, CA: Universal. (Grades 9-12).

A film based on the memoirs of Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jew, who was a brilliant pianist. He watched as his family was shipped off to Nazi labor camps while he managed to escape and live for years in the ruins of Warsaw.

Note: Curriculum resource available from: <http://www.webenglishteacher.com/film.html>

Call Number: Media Services DVD 99

Remember: A primer to the Holocaust. (199?). Ramsey, NJ: The High School. (Grades 9-12).

A compilation of materials as part of a creative project assignment introduces the Holocaust.

Call Number: Media Services VC 3552

Resistance: Untold stories of Jewish partisans. (2002). Washington DC: PBS Home Video. (Grades 6-12).

A group memoir concerning the bravery of Jewish underground fighters and partisans who fought in the forests of Poland, Lithuania, and Belorussia between 1941 and 1945.

Call Number: Media Services VC 5326

Schindler's list. (1993). Universal City, CA: MCA Universal Home Video. (Grades 9-12).

True story of Oskar Schindler, a member of the Nazi party, who saved the lives of more than 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust.

Call Number: Media Services VC 3129

Shtetl. (1996). Burlington, VT: WGBH Video. (Grades 9-12).

On a quest to discover their roots, two Polish-American Jews return to the small village of Bransk, Poland, in an attempt to find the true story of life in the shtetl before and after transportation to the gas chambers. A Frontline presentation.

Note: Curriculum resources available from:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shtetlguide/>

Call Number: Media Services VC 3981

Sugihara: Conspiracy of kindness. (2005). Boston: WGBH Boston Video. (Grades 6-12).

Documentary film regarding Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara who wrote hundreds of transit visas for Jewish families to flee Europe through Russia to Japan and other countries.

Call Number: Media Services DVD 478

Survivors of the Holocaust. (1995). Kansas City, MO: Turner Home Entertainment. (Grades 9-12).

Narrated by Steven Spielberg this film weaves together archival footage with the personal testimonies and photographs of Holocaust survivors.

Call Number: Media Services VC 3891

Testimony of the human spirit: Six survivors of the Holocaust tell their stories. (2004). Purchase, NY: Westchester Holocaust Education Center. (Grades 8-12).
Four part documentary film with teachers' guide examines the Holocaust through the eyes of six men and women who were children or teenagers in Europe during the Third Reich.
Call Number: Media Services DVD 373
Call Number: Media Services VHS 5626

The trial of Adolf Eichmann. (1997). Alexandria, VA: PBS Video. (Grades 7-12).
This film provides a detailed exposition of the events leading to the Holocaust and the tragedy of a man who believed obedience to Hitler exempted his responsibility for unbelievable crimes.
Note: Curriculum resources available from: <http://remember.org/eichmann/study.htm>
Call Number: Media Services VC 4600 v. 225, 226

The Wave. (1989). Chicago: Films Incorporated. (Grades 9-12).
Recreates the classroom experiment in which a high-school teacher formed his own "Reich" to show why the German people could so willingly endorse Nazism.
Call Number: Media Services VC 3028

Witness: Voices from the Holocaust. (1999). Old Westbury, NY: Joshua M. Greene Productions Inc. (Grades 9-12).
Memories are shared by victims of the Holocaust including a Hitler youth, a Jesuit priest, resistance fighters, death camp survivors, American POW's, and liberators.
Note: Curriculum resources available from: <http://fcit.usf.edu/HOLOCUST/default.htm>
Call Number: Media Services VC 4493

Yad Vashem: Preserving the past to ensure the future. (1990). Teaneck, NJ: Ergo Media Inc. (Grades 4-12).
This film focuses on the Children's Memorial, at the Yad Vashem museum in Jerusalem, and the one and a half million children who were victims of the Holocaust.
Call Number: Media Services VC 4471

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