Anti-Semitism & the "Final Solution"

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Enduring Understanding:

Hitler was Anti-Semitic and planned to murder the Jews as part of his "Final Solution"

Essential Questions:

- 1. What is Anti-Semitism?
- 2. What was Hitler's "Final Solution" and how did he plan to carry it out?

Objectives

Identify and describe vocabulary terms for the Holocaust Unit

Identify the roots of Nazi persecution of the Jews

Anti-Semitism

- Definition
 - hostility or prejudice towards Jews

- History
 - existed since Middle Ages
 - widespread in Christian Europe

Anti-Semitism

- Nazi Germany
 - changed from hatred based on religion to hatred based on race

- Hitler's "Aryan" Master Race
 - non-Jewish Caucasian, especially with blonde hair & blue eyes

"Final Solution"

Definition

 Nazi Party's plan to murder the entire Jewish population of Europe & the Soviet Union

Methods

- 1) ghettos
- 2) labor camps
- 3) large-scale executions/mobile killing units
- 4) death camps/killing centers

Ghetto

 Ghetto: confined area within a city where Jews were kept; surrounded by walls/barbed wire

Ghetto in Warsaw, Poland



Labor Camp

Labor Camps: where enemies of the state (political opponents, etc) and some Jews were subjected to work as slave laborers



Prisoners at forced labor under SS guard in an armaments factory. Dachau concentration camp, Germany, 1943.

"Einsatzgruppen" (Mobile Killing Units)



Death Camps

 Death Camps: special concentration camps where people waited for death; designed to have gas chambers and furnaces for disposal



Bergen-Belsen Crematorium Oven

Holocaust Victims

