

Holocaust Remembrance: The Story of Max and Lily Brauer

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Credit and thanks to Julia and Sarah Smith for sharing their video, Holocaust Remembrance: The Story of Max and Lily Brauer with others.





















The video that Julia and Sarah created and shared honours their great grandparents and offers us an opportunity to learn more about the Holocaust and the lived experiences of Lily and Max Brauer.

This video came about because it was an extension activity in one of Sarah's classes.

Sarah and Julia's mom, Alexandra Smith (an OCDSB teacher) encouraged them to

learn more about their ancestors.

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The Holocaust was the systematic persecution and murder of 6 million Jews, organized by the Nazi State and its collaborators from 1933 to 1945.

In addition to committing genocide against the Jews, the Nazis committed genocide against the Roma and the Sinti. Other marginalized groups were also persecuted during this period: people with disabilities, homosexuals, Slavic people, political opponents, Jehovah Witnesses.

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Learning/Studying/Understanding the Holocaust reminds us that **democratic institutions and values are not automatically sustained.** They need to be appreciated, nurtured, and protected. The Holocaust was not an accident in history. It occurred because individuals, organizations, and governments made choices that not only legalized discrimination but also allowed prejudice, hatred, and ultimately mass murder to occur. It also teaches us that silence and indifference to the suffering of others, or to the infringement of civil rights in any society, can—however unintentionally—perpetuate these problems.

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What I Know about the Holocaust.	What I Want to know about Holocaust.	What I Learned about the Holocaust -from this activity.

Definitions of Keywords

Aryan : 1. (in Nazi ideology) a Caucasian of non-Jewish descent, esp of the Nordic type <u>Aryan definition and meaning | Collins</u> English Dictionary

The Nazis* took a term used to describe an ancient tribe and applied it to themselves, falsely claiming that their own "Aryan race" was superior to all other racial groups. The term "non-Aryan" was used to designate Jews, partJews and others of supposedly inferior race.

Gentile: A Gentile is a person who is not Jewish.

Gentile definition and meaning | Collins English Dictionary

Ghetto: A ghetto is a part of a city in which many poor people or many people of a particular race, religion, or nationality live separately from everyone else.

https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/ghetto

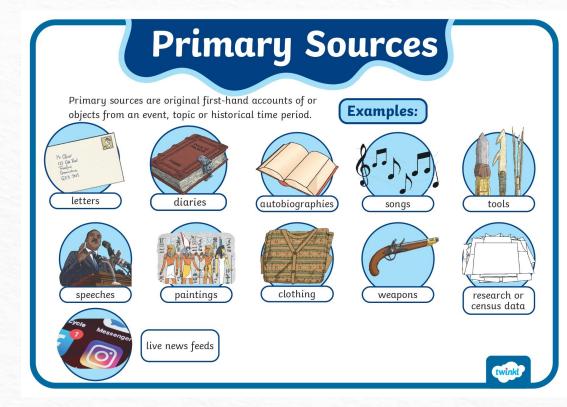
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A primary source is a source that:

- is first-hand accounts of a topic, from people who had a direct connection with it
- has not been modified
- original materials



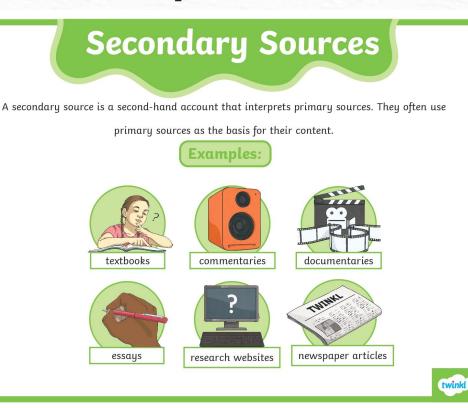
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A secondary source is a source that is:

- one step removed from primary sources
- they often quote or otherwise use primary sources
- adds a layer of interpretation and analysis



The Heroic Story of Lily and Max and How they Survived the Holocaust.





This video is a secondary source BUT has some primary sources included in it.



You will hear recordings of Lily and Max Brauer recounting their experiences during the Holocaust.



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Before WW2 and the Holocaust

During the Holocaust

After the Holocaust

Max's Life:

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3 things that you learned from the video:

2 facts from Lily and Max's lives that you found interesting:

I question that you have after watching the video:

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How do Lily and Max's recordings contribute to your/our understanding of the Holocaust?

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Did you know that starting next year, all Ontario students in grade 6 will learn about the Holocaust?

Why do you think this decision was made?

Why is it important that we continue to learn about the Holocaust?