

Educating for Change in WA-State: Resources for Holocaust Remembrance

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Anne Frank



Educating for Change...

These resources have been compiled in collaboration with the [Holocaust Center for Humanity](#), as a means of promoting Holocaust remembrance and education in Washington State. Holocaust education is history, literature, social studies, psychology, art, and so much more. It is through studying the Holocaust that all people may learn the importance of critical thinking, speaking out against bigotry and indifference, promoting equity, and taking action in the pursuit of justice. When educating on the Holocaust, you are educating for positive change in our world.

Student Voice: Why learning about the Holocaust is Important.

Below are 15-30 second testimonials from students in Washington state describing how Holocaust education is important to them. A recent [2020 Claims Conference Study](#) revealed that "64% of all U.S. Millennials and Gen-Z believe that Holocaust education should be compulsory in school."

Talia: ["The Holocaust is such a critical part of Jewish History..."](#)

Annabelle: ["... it ensures the legacies and stories are kept alive..."](#)

Hannah & Alyssa: ["I want to do everything in my power to never let it happen again."](#)

Nava-Rae: ["It teaches anyone who learns about it: compassion..."](#)

Teaching & Learning Best Practices ([SB5612](#))

As a result of SB5612, OSPI and the Holocaust Center for Humanity have developed teaching and learning [best practices](#) that educators **are required** to use when examining the Holocaust.

The Speakers Bureau

[The Speakers Bureau](#) will enhance and deepen student learning and personal connection through in-person or virtual presentations by Holocaust survivors and their descendants. A 2020 [Echoes and Reflections](#) US College survey demonstrates that students who hear testimony from Holocaust survivors have higher critical thinking skills and are more likely to stand up for others who are being victimized.

The Survivor Encyclopedia

[The Survivor Encyclopedia](#) project features survivors and eyewitnesses who live or have lived in Washington State. These survivors, with their history and stories, have shaped our community, contributing to its richness and diversity. They challenge us to understand history through personal narrative - to see complex human beings behind the facts. Their stories inspire us to recognize human fragility and resilience and the difference that each one of us can make.

The Survivor Encyclopedia is an ongoing project. New entries are continually being added.

The Power of Personal Stories: Lunch-and-Learn Opportunities

Grab your lunch and have a powerful experience engaging with survivors, educators, and guest speakers for [lunch-and-learn opportunities](#) provided by the Holocaust Center for Humanity.

The Mission of the Holocaust Center for Humanity:

The Holocaust Center for Humanity teaches the lessons of the Holocaust, inspiring students of all ages to confront bigotry and indifference, promote human dignity, and take action.

Since 1989, the Holocaust Center for Humanity has taught the history of the Holocaust so that our local survivors, their families, and millions of other victims will not be forgotten, and their stories would inspire positive action. Through education, events, field trips, museum visits, and community programs, the Holocaust Center for Humanity remains dedicated to its responsibility to fight hate by educating students, teachers and the general public about the dangers of intolerance and the difference each one of us can make.

Additional Information:

For more information on these teaching & learning best practices for the Holocaust and other educational resources and supports, please contact: Paul Regelbrugge, Teaching and Learning Specialist, Holocaust Center for Humanity (paul@holocaustcenterseattle.org), or Akiva Noach Erezim, Program Specialist of Continuous Improvement (OSSI/OSPI), (Akiva.Erezim@k12.wa.us).