

Main Idea:

During the Holocaust, Hitler's Nazis killed six million Jews and five million other "non-Aryans."

Why it Matters Now:

The violence against the Jews during the Holocaust led to the founding of Israel after WWII.

Show digital storytelling
Holocaust clip

16.3 The Holocaust

Text pg. 502-505

Introduction

- Nazis proposed a new racial order for Europe
 - proclaimed Germanic peoples (**Aryans**) a “master race”
 - Nazis claimed all non-Aryan peoples inferior
 - Jews, Roma (gypsies), Poles, Russians
 - the insane
 - the disabled and incurably ill
 - Hitler blamed the Jews for Germany’s defeat in WWI & for its resulting economic problems
 - Many Germans looked for someone to blame for their failures and this supported Hitler
- Racist message would lead to the **Holocaust**
 - systematic mass slaughter of Jews and other groups judged inferior by the Nazis



The Holocaust was caused by HATRED

Hitler

Anti-Semitism

Totalitarianism

Racist Genocide

Economic Depression

Defeath in WWI

Jewish Persecution

- 1935: Nuremberg Laws
 - Stripped Jews of their civil rights & property if they tried to leave Germany
 - Limited the work of Jews
 - Made it illegal to marry a Jew
 - Jews over the age of six had to wear a yellow Star of David on their clothing



Jewish Persecution

November 9, 1938: **Kristallnacht**, or “crystal night” - the night of broken glass

■ Nazis burned synagogues all over Germany and Austria, smashed shop windows, looted stores, ransacked Jewish homes, and killed dozens of Jews

■ 20,000 Jews were arrested

■ Purpose: confiscate firearms to prevent any significant armed resistance



Germans pass by the broken shop window of a Jewish-owned business that was destroyed during Kristallnacht, Berlin, Germany, November 1938

Jewish Persecution

- Nov. 11th: German gov. imposed an "atonement fine" of a billion marks on the Jews to pay for the damage
- several weeks later: announced Jewish assets would be confiscated
- A few days later: forbade Jews to drive cars, use public transportation, visit public parks and museums, or attend plays or concerts
- Often considered the beginning of the Holocaust.

A Flood of Refugees

- By the end of 1939: a number of German Jews had fled to other countries
 - At first, Hitler favored emigration to “the Jewish problem”
- After admitting tens of thousands of Jewish refugees, France, Britain, and the U.S. closed their doors
 - FEAR
 - widespread anti-Semitism
 - more refugees during the Great Depression would increase competition for jobs
 - might open doors to “enemy agents”

The Killings Begin



- **“Final Solution”**

- Hitler’s **genocide** plan to kill an entire race of people

- Nazis SS killing squads rounded up men, women, children, and even babies and shot them in pits where they were buried.
 - Others sent to extermination camps, where they were killed in gas chambers.

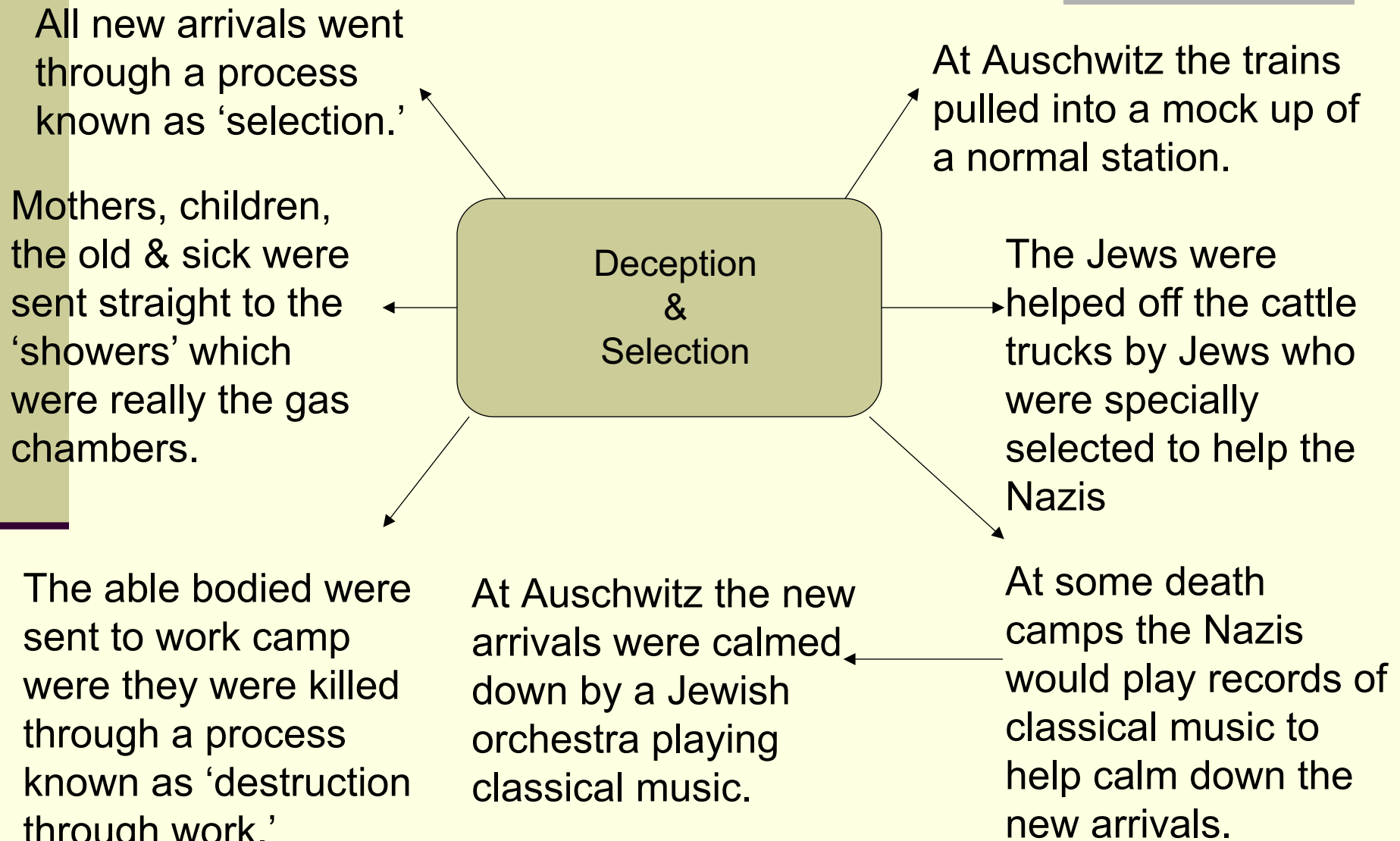
- Other Jews were rounded up and herded into concentration camps where they were slave labor.

- Inmates would work 7 days a week for the SS or German businesses.
 - Food consisted of thin soup, scraps of bread, and potato peelings.
 - Most inmates lost 50 lbs quickly.

MAP OF THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND DEATH CAMPS USED BY THE NAZIS



Tactics: What happened to new arrivals?



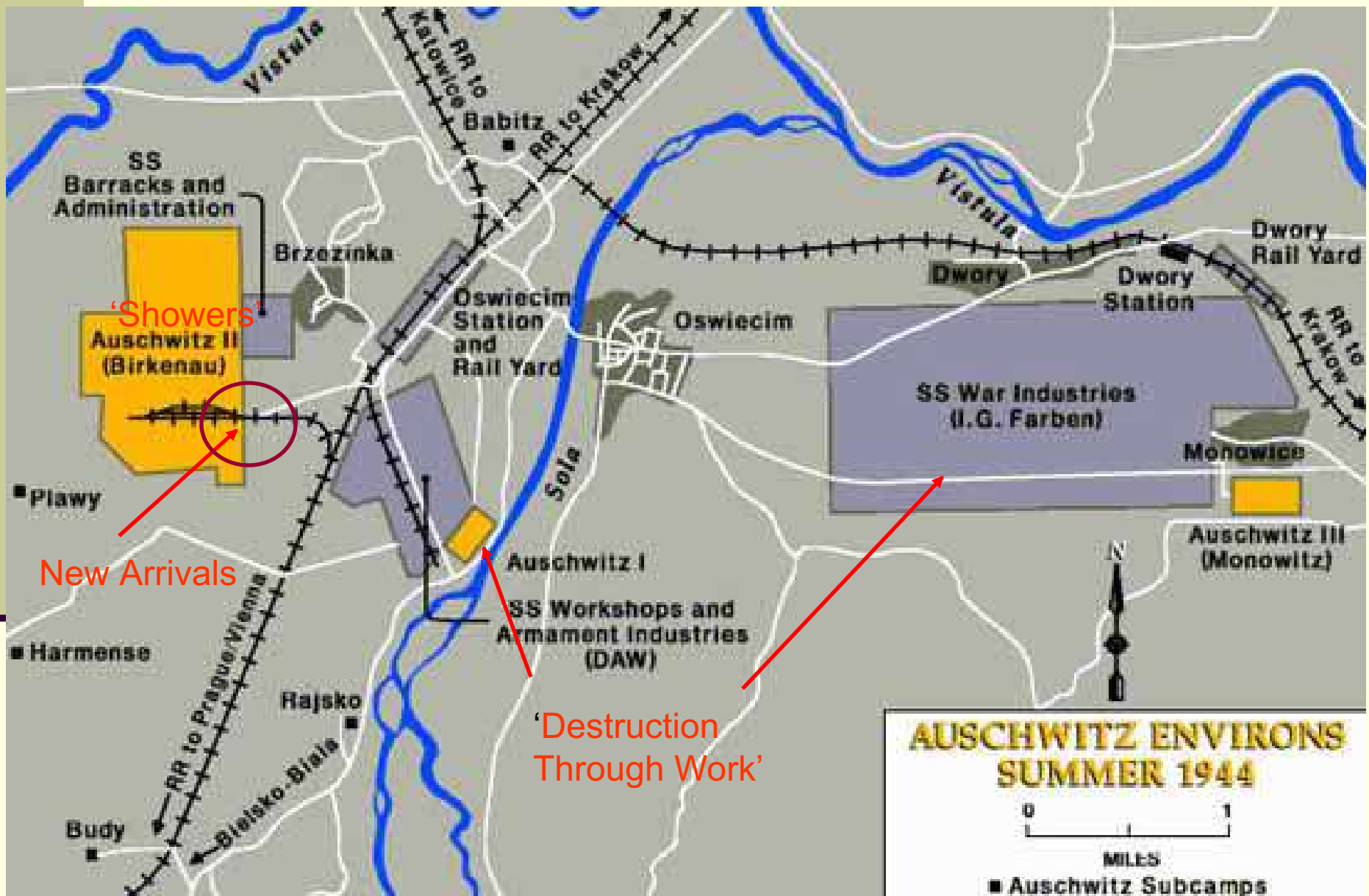
Entrance to Auschwitz

Read “Arrival
in Auschwitz”

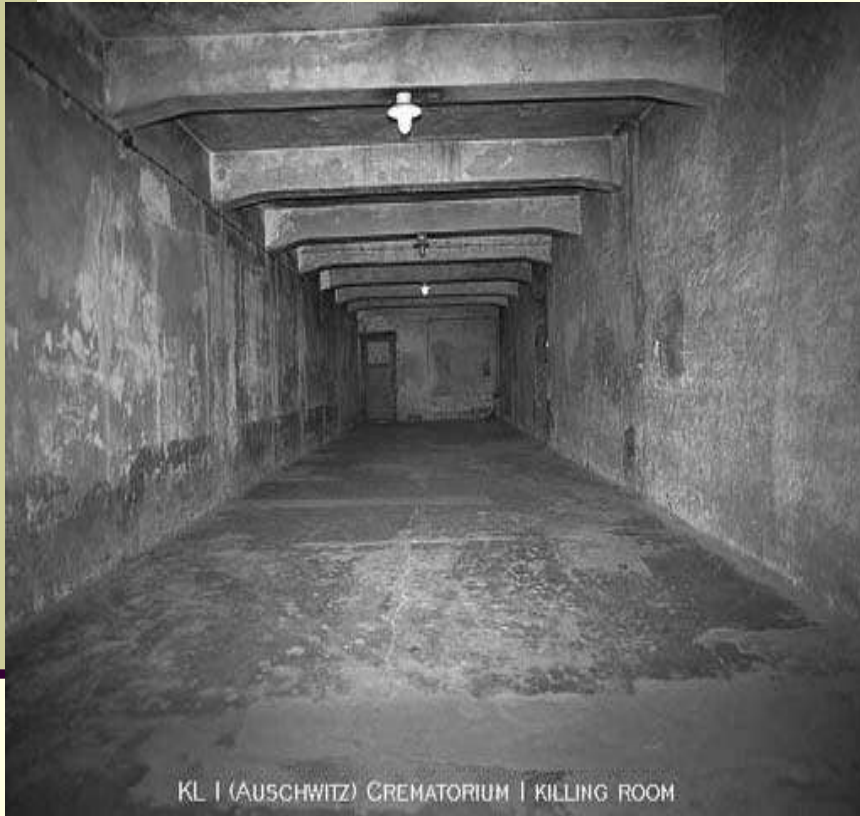


Notice how it has been built to resemble a railway station

Map of Auschwitz



The Gas Chambers



- The Nazis would force large groups of prisoners into small cement rooms and drop canisters of Zyklon B, or prussic acid, in its crystal form through small holes in the roof.
- These gas chambers were sometimes disguised as showers or bathing houses.

The SS would try and pack up to 2000 people into this gas chamber



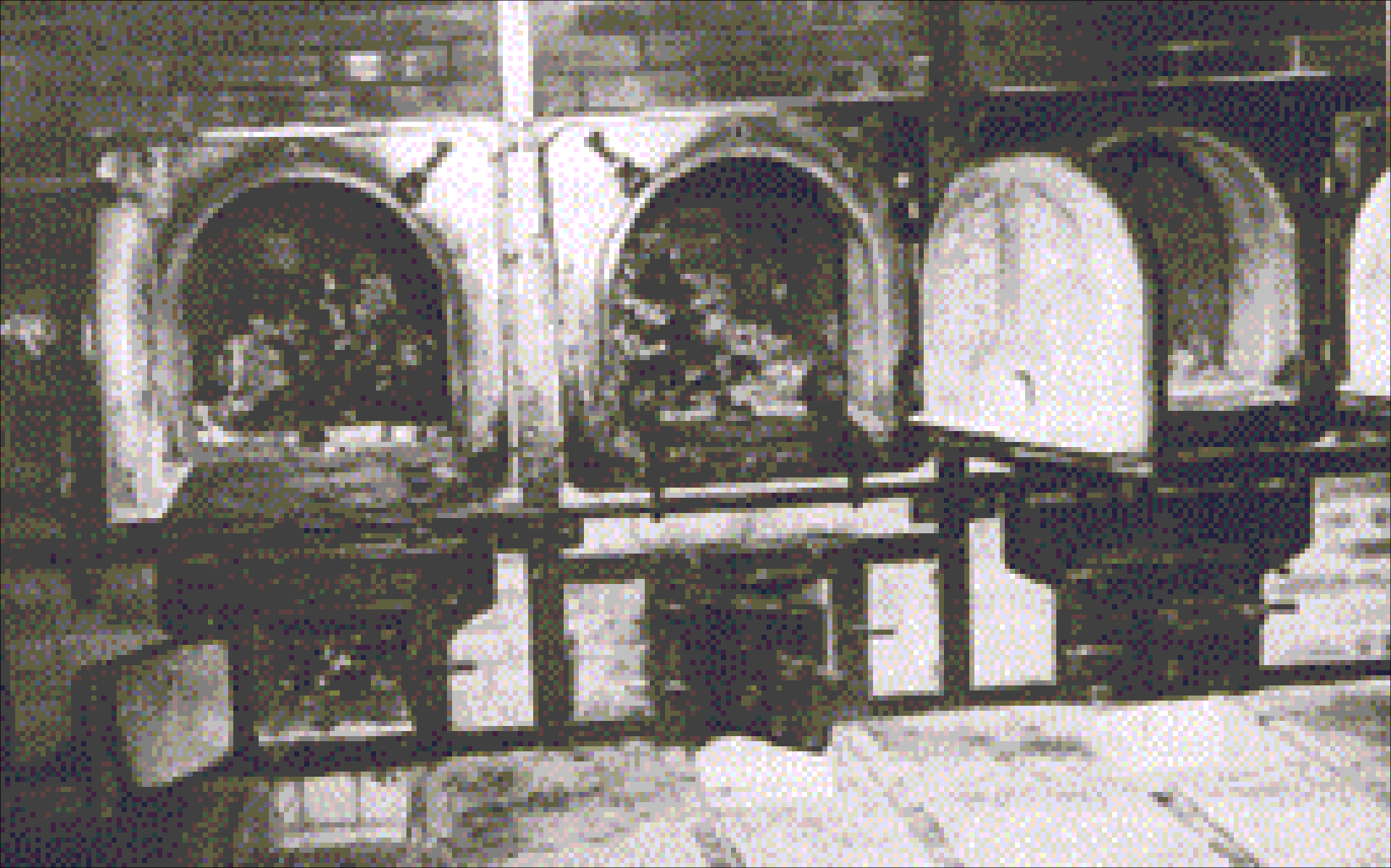
Victims moving towards the gas chamber in Auschwitz

The Ovens at Dachau



Dead bodies waiting to be processed





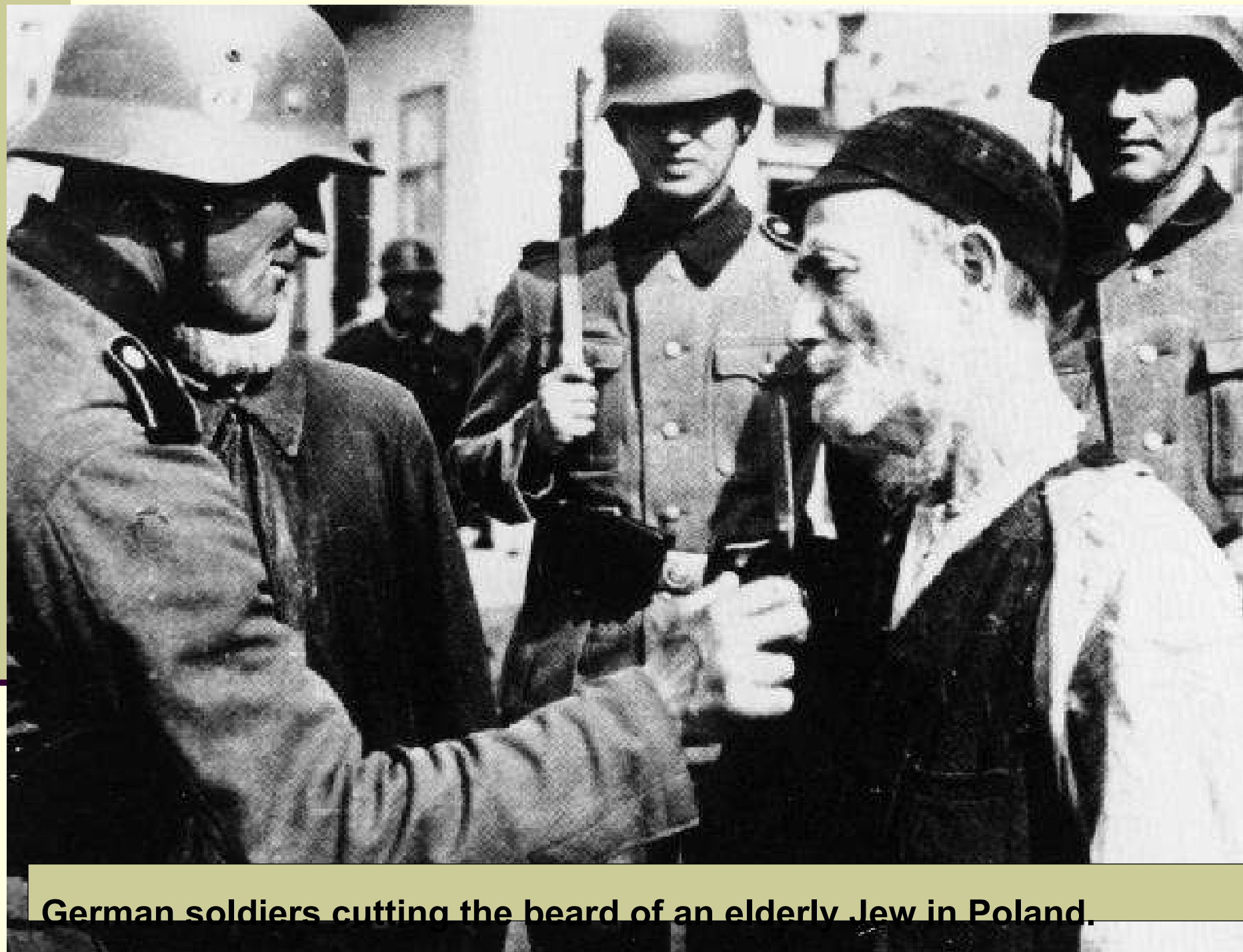
This is the crematoria at Buchenwald. The remains left inside are women who were murdered.

Between 1939 and 1945 **six million** Jews were murdered, along with hundreds of thousands of others, such as Gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, disabled and the mentally ill.



A German policeman shoots individual Jewish women who remain alive in the ravine after the mass execution.





German soldiers cutting the beard of an elderly Jew in Poland.



Children subjected to medical experiments in Auschwitz.





Survivors found by American soldiers





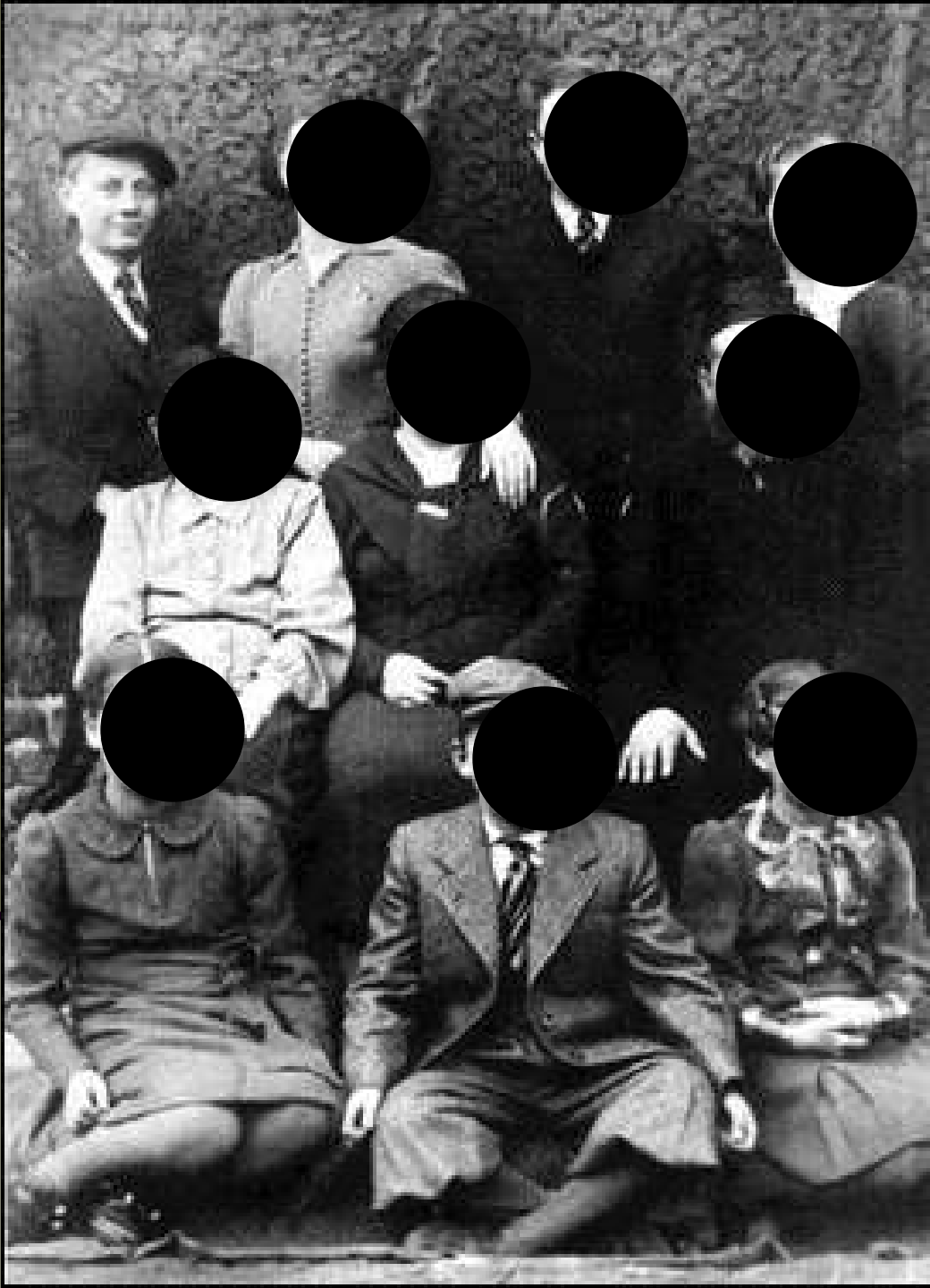
16 of the 44 children taken from a French children's home.

They were sent to a concentration camp and later to Auschwitz.

ONLY 1 SURVIVED

A group of children at a concentration camp in Poland.





“Until September 14, 1939 my life was typical of a young Jewish boy in that part of the world in that period of time.

I lived in a Jewish community surrounded by gentiles. Aside from my immediate family, I had many relatives and knew all the town people, both Jews and gentiles. Almost two weeks after the outbreak of the war and shortly after my Bar Mitzvah, my world exploded.

In the course of the next five and a half years I lost my entire family and almost everyone I ever knew. Death, violence and brutality became a daily occurrence in my life while I was still a young teenager.”

Leonard Lerer, 1991


The Survivors

- About six million European Jews were killed during the Holocaust.
- Less than four million European Jews survived.
- Some Jews were helped by non-Jews who risked their lives, hid Jews in their homes, and helped them escape to neutral countries. One such family was the Ten Boom family of Harlem in the Netherlands. The book and film *The Hiding Place* tells this story.

Jews Killed Under Nazi Rule*

	Original Jewish Population	Jews Killed	Percent Surviving
Poland	3,300,000	2,800,000	15%
Soviet Union (area occupied by Germans)	2,100,000	1,500,000	29%
Hungary	404,000	200,000	49%
Romania	850,000	425,000	50%
Germany/Austria	270,000	210,000	22%

*EstimatesSource: Hannah Vogt, *The Burden of Guilt*



Evil is when a few good men
decide to do nothing.

Group Activity

Discuss Primary Source p.R59

Excerpt from *Night*

16.3 Assignment

16.3 Guided Reading Worksheet

Answer the questions on your own paper.
