



THE HOLOCAUST: INTRODUCTION TO THE EXHIBITION

Teacher's Notes

Welcome

Thank you for booking The Holocaust: Introduction to the Exhibition.

BEFORE YOUR VISIT PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY

ABOUT THE SESSION

The Holocaust: Introduction to the Exhibition is a facilitator and audioguide led session that takes place in the Holocaust Exhibition and a learning space. Through discussion and reflection students will prepare to visit The Holocaust Exhibition. Students are also given an audio guide to navigate their way through a chronological narrative of the Holocaust and deepen their understanding of events in Nazi-occupied Europe and beyond. Afterwards students will have the opportunity to reflect on the exhibition during a feedback discussion.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

You may find our online learning resource [The Way We Lived](#) a useful starting point. It is a series of short films focusing on pre-Holocaust Jewish life in Europe and examines the origins of antisemitism and how it affected people.

PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT:

It is preferable that the students have some background knowledge of this subject. This may enable them to access more of the exhibition content.

It is important when studying the Holocaust that Jewish people are not defined solely in reference to the Holocaust.

Exhibition Notice

IWM London is transforming. As part of our work to create new Holocaust Galleries we are carrying out important conservation which means you will be unable to view the train carriage in the current Holocaust Exhibition. Our new Galleries open in 2021.

Useful websites:

Centre for Holocaust Education - <https://www.holocausteducation.org.uk/>

Holocaust Educational Trust - <https://www.het.org.uk/>

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum - <https://www.ushmm.org/>

SCHEDULE FOR The Holocaust: Introduction to the Exhibition

Arrive at IWM London 10 minutes before you are due to start and enter through the West (groups) Entrance. You will be met by a member of the IWM team who will guide you to place your coats and bags in the bag room and conduct a health and safety briefing. You will be then directed to your meeting point on level one where you will meet the facilitator. **We cannot guarantee the availability of the session to groups who are more than 15 minutes late.** If we are unable to reschedule your experience due to your late arrival, this is classed as a cancellation and you will incur a 100% administration fee.

Please arrive at the Schools Meeting Point on level one 5 minutes before your session start time.

Learning Space: Introduction and Briefing (30 mins)

- Students will receive an explanation and definition on the Holocaust.
- Discussion and reflection on the Holocaust in relation to the Holocaust Exhibition.
- Students given audio guides to navigate their way through the Holocaust Exhibition.

On gallery with audio guides (90 mins. *NB 120 mins for A' level session)

- Audio guides lead students through a chronological narrative of the Holocaust, where students can explore specific areas that tell the personal stories of those impacted by the Holocaust.

Learning Space: Debrief (30 mins)

- Students have the opportunity to reflect on the exhibition during a feedback discussion.

AFTER YOUR SESSION

Explore IWM London

You may want to visit *Turning Points: 1934-1945*, level one where students can explore key moments of the Second World War through people's lives and the objects on display and discover the role of strategic bombing and the fighting fronts in Russia and Africa, through to the D-Day landings.