

Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre

ONLINE RESOURCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Podcasts – Overview of the Holocaust

High School History Recap

This is a three-part podcast series created in collaboration with history teachers from Cornwall Hill College, Pretoria.

- [Part 1: Introduction to the Centre and the history of the Holocaust](#)
- [Part 2: The history of the Holocaust from the rise of Nazism to the Final Solution](#)
- [Part 3: Looking at the history of the Holocaust using Primary Sources and through the lens of Moral Choices](#)

2. Exploring the Holocaust through Survivor Testimonies

A Note to the Educator:

Survivor testimonies are first-hand accounts from individuals who lived through the Holocaust or genocide and their stories help students to understand and empathise more deeply with the human (and inhuman) aspects of mass atrocities. They each offer a unique perspective on human behaviour and the resilience shown in the face of persecution.

These short audio testimonies need to be placed into historical context accompanied by content about the history of the Holocaust or genocide as well as specific information about dates, places and events that are mentioned in these stories. Maps and photographs may assist with visual understanding and context to these stories.

It is important to discuss and unpack each story with your learners. Here are some suggested questions that can be used after listening to these testimonies which will open up dialogue and discussion:

“What changes and experiences do each of the survivors go through? “What does this story reveal about human behaviour?”

“How does this story contribute to your understanding of the Holocaust?” “What lessons can we learn about the rescuers appearing in these stories?”

“Why is it important for us to learn about rescuers and acts of courage and not only about the deeds of perpetrators and bystanders?”

“What can we learn from survivors about our moral obligation to each other?”

“Do you think a person is born with courage or do you think it something that can be learned?”

“Reflect on some connections you can draw between these testimonies and today’s world.”

Survivor Testimonies (video) – in partnership with Yad Vashem and available on request

- **Rina Quint** (in English - 29 min)
from Piotrkow Tribunalski, Poland; Bergen Belsen.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvL68rrIm-4>
- **Tibi Ram** (in Hebrew with English subtitles – 29min)
born in Munkacs, Czechoslovakia; sent to Auschwitz, slave labour camp in Silesia, Bergen Belsen.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUro_MzVCEU&t=15s
- **Dani Gold** (English subtitles – 40min)
from Siauliai, Lithuania; hiding.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lynHhjO5Nz4>
- **Frieda Kliger** (in English – 25min)
from Warsaw, Poland; Warsaw ghetto, Majdanek, Auschwitz, Ravensbruck, Bergen Belsen.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jW97OsICRs&t=733s>
- **Hana Pick** (in English – 27min)
childhood friend of Anne Frank from Amsterdam; was in Westerbork, Bergen Belsen.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFtj33U3wel>
- **Nachum and Genya Manor** (English subtitles – 40min)
from Krakow, Poland, were in Plaszow and on Schindler’s list; liberated at Brunnlitz.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7foDsMsFphY>
- **Yehudit Kleinman** (in English – 25min)
from Venice, Italy; moved to Milan; hiding.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5u5uVPd1Yvc>

3. Additional online resources

Anne Frank

We have recently been introduced to this wonderful online resource which will allow learners to “look around” and “discover” secret annex where Anne Frank hid for more than two years during WWII and where she wrote her diary.

- **The Short Life of Anne Frank** – a 30min introductory film

<https://www.annefrank.org/en/education/product/132/video-the-short-life-of-anne-frank/>

- **Virtual Experience**

<https://www.annefrank.org/en/anne-frank/secret-annex/>

Final Solution

Chief curator Paul Salmons talks about the exhibition “Seeing Auschwitz” and the value of looking closely at photographs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8wrusXOG9o>

Jewish Partisans

Jewish Partisan Education Foundation (JPEF) develops effective educational materials about the Jewish partisans and their life lessons, bringing the celebration of heroic resistance against tyranny into educational and cultural organisations.

<https://www.jewishpartisans.org/>

Online Resources from other institutions

<https://www.ushmm.org/teach/online-tools-for-learning-and-teaching>

<https://www.yadvashem.org/education/educational-materials.html>

<https://echoesandreflections.org/teach/>