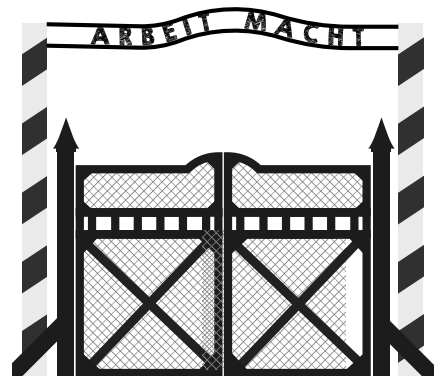# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY
Citizenship

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Between 1933-1945, the Nazis, led by Adolf Hitler, were in power in Germany. The Nazis wanted to create a 'pure Aryan race' where everyone looked the same and had the same beliefs. They targeted Jewish people in particular, who they sent to concentration camps where they were murdered in what we call the Holocaust. They also discriminated against anyone who they thought was different, such as Roma and Sinti people, black people, mentally or physically disabled people, gay people, and anyone whose religious or political beliefs were different from theirs. By the end of the Holocaust, the Nazis had killed over 6 million Jews, and up to 50% of the Roma and Sinti population of Europe at the time. The Nazi regime ended in 1945 at the end of the Second World War, after over thirty countries got involved in the devastating war triggered by the Nazis' invasion of Poland in 1939. Sadly, acts of genocide (trying to kill an entire race of people) have happened again since then, in Bosnia (1995), Cambodia (1975-79), and Rwanda (1994), as well as in Darfur where it continues today. It's important for us to remember the people who have suffered due to discrimination, and to try to build a world where we accept and love everyone, whatever their beliefs or appearance.

Match the words with a synonym:

power	started by
murdered	attacked
devastating	terrible
triggered by	control
due to	because of
targeted	killed

Read the text again and answer the questions:

1 When were the Nazis in power?

2 What was the 'pure Aryan race'?

3 What did the Nazis do to Jewish people?

4 What type of people did the Nazis discriminate against?

5 What started the Second World War?

6 Why is it important to remember the Holocaust and other genocides?

Discuss with a friend, teacher, or your class

Why do you think the Nazis discriminated against people who looked different or had different beliefs?

Do you think it's important to talk about history, or should we try to forget bad events from the past?

What can we do to help people who have come to the UK after living in dangerous and terrifying situations?

Challenge!

Many children's books are set during the Nazi regime, including the true story of The Diary of Anne Frank. Ask your teacher to help you choose a book to read.