

The Holocaust is an event that was brought on by a fuelled hatred towards a religion that for thousands of years, have been persecuted at the hands of men who can dictate who is "normal". It is something in which we have only ever see in pictures and videos, and have never really seen for ourselves the true devastation and barbarous acts in which man is capable. While the basics of the Holocaust are fairly well-known, a surprising and alarming number of people don't fully understand the magnitude of this tragic time period or the history leading up to it and what happened during it. Essentially the systematic and state sponsored murder of more than 6 million Jews in Europe over the course of the Second World War, the Holocaust is something that everyone should spend some time understanding in order to ensure that history doesn't repeat itself. Sooner or later, there will be no more survivors to tell the stories of what actually happened, and this is a frightening thought. Not only because we are loosing true inspirational people of our time, but also because without them to educate children about the horrors of the Holocaust, it will simply be forgotten from history, as if it had never happened. It is chilling to know that there are dozens of camps littered around Europe which still contain the traces of the barbaric nature in which humans are possible. It is these memorials which bring the events into the picture and shed a new perspective on the horrors. These memorials sit as a constant reminder. A reminder of racism, strongly fuelled with hatred. By remembering this tragedy and educating individuals about hatred and racism, we can begin to ensure that any genocide of this nature never occurs again. The Holocaust is a word that conjures up images of horror, and rightly so. The atrocities committed by the Nazis were so unspeakable that it's often hard to think of anything else in the context of the Holocaust. I would like to conclude with a quote which, personally, sums up the message I wanted to put across, and in which how we the human race must act upon to repress this sort of inhumane acts of torture and persecution from ever happening again:

"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything".

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