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_____ HOLOCAUST FACT AND FICTION _____

Mark each statement true or false.

- _____ 1. Approximately six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.
- _____ 2. Other victims of Nazi persecution included Roma (Gypsies), the disabled, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Slavic peoples (primarily Poles and Russians), and political opponents such as Communists and socialists.
- _____ 3. Before World War II, most European Jews lived and worked on farms, and few lived in urban areas (towns and cities).
- _____ 4. Jews made up 15 percent of the population in pre-World War II Germany.
- _____ 5. Jews are a race as well as a religious group.
- _____ 6. The Nazis believed that racial purity was required to build the new German empire.
- _____ 7. Hitler was partly Jewish.
- _____ 8. The Nazis came to power in Germany in 1933 but did not begin anti-Jewish measures until 1938, a year before the war.
- _____ 9. Through the Kindertransport program, thousands of children (mostly Jewish) in Nazi-controlled countries were allowed to emigrate to England before the war.
- _____ 10. Before 1939, the U.S., Canada, and western European countries would accept Jewish refugees, but Hitler refused them permission to emigrate.
- _____ 11. After 1939, word spread of the mass murder of Jews in eastern Europe, and later of the creation of death camps, but many people, including Jews, found the reports too hard to believe.
- _____ 12. The Nazis established ghettos to gather and isolate the Jews of Poland and eastern Europe before sending them to concentration camps to be murdered (or to die of forced labor, disease, malnutrition, and brutal treatment).
- _____ 13. If Jews converted to Christianity, they were not sent to ghettos or concentration camps.

- _____ 14. While the Jews of Germany and eastern Europe were targeted for total destruction, the Jews of Nazi-controlled western Europe were not murdered unless they actively opposed the Nazis.
- _____ 15. Most of the concentration camps were located in Germany.
- _____ 16. Most of the Jewish victims of the Holocaust died in the ghettos and camps. About one third were killed in mass shootings.
- _____ 17. The Nazis' genocidal goal was aided by the cooperation of many non-Jews in the Nazi-controlled countries throughout Europe.
- _____ 18. There was no Jewish resistance during the Holocaust.
- _____ 19. The governments of the United States and Britain were aware of the mass executions of Jews during the war.
- _____ 20. Most of the people who rescued Jews during the Holocaust were other Jews.
- _____ 21. The "Righteous Among the Nations" refers to countries that fought alongside the U.S., Britain, and the Soviet Union against the Nazis and their collaborators.
- _____ 22. Many Jewish men and women who survived the Holocaust say that chance was a major factor in their survival.
- _____ 23. The Nazis were able to destroy most of the physical evidence of the Holocaust in the last months of the war.
- _____ 24. Top Nazi officials were tried and most convicted in the Nuremberg war crimes trials. Many other Nazi officials escaped capture and trial.
- _____ 25. All Holocaust survivors have now passed away.



Survivors speak to an American liberator (perhaps from North Carolina), Mauthausen concentration camp, Austria, May 1945.