Victims of the Nazi Era: Nazi Racial Ideology

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THE HOLOCAUST

1. What was the driving force behind the Nazis goal to commit genocide against the Jews of Europe and which Jews in particular were slated for annihilation?

THE NAZI IDEOLOGY OF RACE

1. According to Hitler and the Nazis, all of history be viewed as racial struggle. What did 1. the Nazis believe about the concept of “race?” What are five specific beliefs the Nazis held about race?
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TARGETED GROUPS

1. How did the Nazis view Jews, even German Jews?
2. Other than Jews, which other groups of people did the Nazis deliberately target for persecution, imprisonment and annihilation?”

THE RACIALLY DEFINED COLLECTIVE and THE "ARYAN" RACE

1. According to Nazi ideology, the ultimate value of a human being lay not in his or her individuality, but in his or her membership in a racially defined collective group. Based on Nazi ideas, what was the ultimate purpose of a racial collective and why was preserving “racial purity” so important?

ELIMINATION OF RACIAL ENEMIES

1. According to the Nazis, how did the Jews pose a threat to the “Aryan race?”
2. What did the Nazis propose to stop this supposed “threat?”