***Human Rights and the Holocaust***

**Timeline Activity.**

* Discuss with the person next to you, the different events on the timeline and how if and how those events caused people to lose or gain their human rights. (Use the UDHR to help you)
* Using this list, create a **TIMELINE** in your book. Write down the 15 events, in order, that in your **opinion** make the clearest explanation of what the Holocaust was **and** how it happened. This is your personal choice.
* Explain your reasoning in two/three sentences, using two examples to explain your point.

### January 30 1933 – Hitler is appointed Chancellor of Germany

### February 28 1933 – Government takes away the right of freedom of speech, assembly, press, search without warrant and privacy of communications (mail, telegram, telephone)

### April 1 1933 – Nationwide boycott of Jewish-owned businesses

### April 7 1933 – Law excludes non-Aryans from government employment. Jewish civil servants including university professors and school teachers are fired

**August 2 1934** - Hitler proclaims himself Führer und Reichskanzler (Leader and Reich Chancellor). Armed forces must now swear allegiance to him

### September 1935 – Citizenship and racial laws are announced at the Nazi Party Rally in Nuremberg. Jews no longer considered German citizens; Jews could not marry Aryans; nor could they fly the German flag

### August 1-16 1936 – Olympic Games take place in Berlin. Anti-Jewish signs are removed. Black American and Jewish athletes compete

### Novemember 9-10 1938 – Nazis burn synagogues and loot Jewish homes and businesses. Called Kristallancht (Night of broken glass). 3000 Jewish men are sent to Concentration Camps

### November 15 1938 – All Jewish children are expelled from public schools. Segregated Jewish schools are created

### September 1 1939 – Germany invades Poland and WWII begins.

**Late 1939** - Nazi Germany officially starts exterminating disabled or mentally ill individuals in German society, starting with ‘cleaning out’ asylums and hospitals

### November 23 1939 - Yellow stars required to be worn by Polish Jews over age 10.

**1940** - Hitler signs the Aktion T4 order, backdating the extermination of disabled people to September 1 1939, and making the extermination legal policy

### October 1940 – Warsaw Ghetto established. 400,000 Jews forced to move there

### June 22 1941 – German Army invades Soviet Union. The Einsatzgruppen, mobile killing squads, begin mass murder of Jews, gypsies (Roma) and communist leaders

### 2 July 1941 - Following the invasion of the USSR, Heydrich communicated to his SS and police leaders that the Einsatzgruppen were to execute Soviet leaders, high ranking members of the Communist Party, extremist and radical Communist Party members and Jews in party and government posts.

### July 13 1941 - Hermann Göring asks Reinhard Heydrich to prepare a document outlining a plan for a ‘final solution’ for the Jewish population of Europe, where extermination is now the primary goal

### October-November 1941 – First group of German and Austrian Jews are deported to ghettos in eastern Europe

### January 20 1942 - the Wannsee Conference happens, where Nazi High Command agrees on the Final Solution as Nazi policy. Only one document of this agreement exists today

### 1942 – Nazi ‘extermination’ camps Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, Sobobor, Belzec and Majdanek-Lubin in Poland begin mass murder of Jews in gas chambers

**July 22 1942** - The Treblinka death camp is established in Poland

### April 19-May 16 1943 – Jews in the Warsaw ghetto resist deportations with arms

### August 2 1943 – Inmates revolt at Treblinka Death camp

### May 15-July 9 1944 – Over 43,000 Hungarian Jews are deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau where most of them are gassed

**June 6 1944** - D-Day, the Allied invasion of Normandy. Clear to Germany that losing the war is a matter of when, not if.

### January 17 1945 – Nazis evacuate Auschwitz, prisoners begin ‘death marches’ towards Germany

**April 30 1945** - Hitler commits suicide in his Führerbunker in Berlin, as the Soviets close in

### May 7 1945 – Germany surrenders and the war in Europe ends. The Third Reich collapses.