

# MP3c-Holocaust

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## Essential Questions

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**Essential Question:** Why does America have such a diverse, multi-cultural makeup?

**Big Idea:** Many people have been persecuted and discriminated against based on their religion, skin color, or personal beliefs. Some people who were discriminated against fled to other parts of the world such as America. The Holocaust was a dark period of history when millions of people were targeted and persecuted against.

Objective: SWBAT understand the multi-ethnic, multicultural makeup of America's citizens

### Activity:

In whole group, students will look at the Statue of Liberty and discuss the poem "The New Colossus". Students will then talk with partners about what they think the poem is about and what it means about America. We will go over why the poem is on the Statue of Liberty. Students will journal about what the poem means.

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6.1.5.GeoHE.3 Analyze the effects of catastrophic environmental and technological events on human settlements and migration.

6.1.5.GeoGI.3 Use geographic tools to determine factors that impacted emigration, settlement patterns, and regional identities of the US colonies.

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## Lesson 2

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**Essential Questions:** What were some factors that caused immigration to the United States?

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Objective: SWBAT recognize the reasons why many Americans emigrated to the United States

**Activity:**

Together we will define the word “immigrant.” We will then watch the BrainPop Jr video on Ellis Island which documents what early immigration life was like. We will discuss some reasons why many people immigrated to America during certain time periods in history. Students will pretend to be an immigrant writing a letter to someone in their home country about what their journey has been like so far.

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### **Lesson 3**

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**Essential Question: What are the effects of prejudice on a specific group of people?**

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Objective: SWBAT understand prejudice and how it affects others

**Activity:**

In whole group, we will talk about the meaning of the word “prejudice”. Then in whole group, we will read a story about Ruby Bridges and the prejudice she faced because of her race. After reading the story, we will talk about how people can be prejudiced against for other reasons as well. Students will write a letter to the young Ruby Bridges where they welcome her into the school.

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## Lesson 4

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**Essential Question:** How do we honor and remember victims of the holocaust?

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Objective: SWBAT learn about the holocaust through a fictional story

### Activity:

We will review what prejudice means and what it can look like. Today we will read a fictional story about someone who survived the Holocaust, a terrible time in history where the Nazi party murdered 11 million people, including 6 million Jewish people. We will read the story “One Candle” by Eve Bunting. Then students will write what they have learned about tolerance and prejudice this week.

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