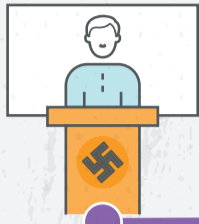


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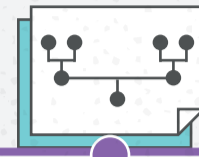
30th January 1933

Adolf Hitler, leader of the Nazi Party, elected chancellor of Germany.



22nd March 1933

The Nazis open their first concentration camps in Germany.



15th September 1935

Nuremberg Laws decreed. Marriages and relationships between Jews and Germans outlawed. The laws also stripped German Jews of their citizenship and civil rights.



15th November 1940

The Warsaw Ghetto is sealed off, with more than 400,000 Jews inside.



12th February 1940

First deportation of German Jews to Poland.



9th/10th November 1938

Kristallnacht – pogrom against Jews, perpetrated by SA paramilitary forces and German civilians.



7th March 1941

German Jews ordered into forced labour.



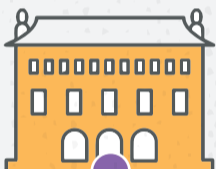
July 1941

SS Einsatzgruppen commits mass murder of Jews in occupied lands as it follows the advancement of the German Army.



1st September 1941

German Jews ordered to wear a yellow star.



20th January 1942

Wannsee Conference to organise the 'Final Solution'.



January 1942

First gas chamber used to conduct mass murder at Auschwitz.



3rd September 1941

First test of Zyklon-B gas at Auschwitz.



19th July 1942

Operation Reinhard ordered by Himmler – mass deportation of Polish Jews to extermination camps. Marks deadliest phase of the Holocaust.



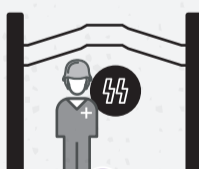
5th October 1942

Himmler orders all Jews imprisoned in concentration camps in Germany to be sent to Auschwitz and Majdanek.



19th May 1943

Berlin is declared Judenfrei (free of Jews).



8th May 1944

Höss returns to Auschwitz to oversee the extermination of Hungarian Jews.



24th July 1944

Majdanek becomes the first concentration camp liberated by the Russians. Over 360,000 people had been murdered here.



4th August 1944

Anne Frank and her family are arrested in Amsterdam and sent to Auschwitz.



27th January 1945

Auschwitz is liberated by Russian troops.



30th April 1945

Hitler commits suicide in his bunker in Berlin.



7th May 1945

Germany surrenders unconditionally.