



The U.S. and the Holocaust: Context & Memory

Years of Peace (1933-1938)

1. In 1933, the U.S. faced an economic _____ and the country was deeply _____, _____, xenophobic, and _____.
2. The Quota System, established by the _____ Immigration Act limited the number of immigrants allowed into the United States.
3. In their anti Jewish policies, the Nazis utilized the U.S. "_____ laws" that limited or barred African Americans from having civil rights.
4. In 1937, Gallup poll showed _____ rds of Americans have no interest in _____.
5. After Germany annexed _____ in March 1938 a new refugee crisis began.
6. April 1938 poll showed that _____% of Americans agreed that persecution of Jews was either entirely or partially their own fault.
7. Breckinridge Long
8. Evian Conference – July 1938
9. Kristallnacht – November ____, _____:
10. As a direct result of the Kristallnacht pogrom, the _____ (child transports) were created to get Jewish children out of the Reich.
11. In 1939, the _____ - _____ Bill tried to expand the children's transports to the U.S.
12. Senator Robert _____ (D-NC) was one of many who blocked the Bill.
13. In dealing with the refugee/quota issue, President FDR was dealing with a potentially devastating _____.
14. _____ not the _____ had the power to change refugee policy.
15. SS. *St. Louis* Incident (May-June 1939)

Years of War (1939-1945)

16. World War II began when Nazi Germany attacked _____ on _____, _____.
17. Liberalizing the immigration laws was _____ dynamite at a time FDR was seeking to _____ the country in preparation for _____.
18. Nazi Germany invaded the Soviet Union on _____, _____.
19. It was probably in mid July _____ that Hitler gave the signal to start killing Soviet Jewry.
20. The Wannsee Conference: January _____, _____. It was originally scheduled for December _____, _____.
21. December 7, 1941
22. December 11, 1941
23. By _____, the U.S. State Department confirmed the extermination camps.
24. According to Yehuda Bauer, by the summer 1943 there were only _____ left of the Jewish communities in the East.
25. In 1944, in response to Henry Morgenthau Jr. FDR established the _____ by executive order to rescue European Jews.
26. By the time the WRB was established, _____ths of European Jews were already dead.
27. Raoul Wallenberg

Why Didn't the Allies bomb Auschwitz?

28. 1st opportunity came in _____.
29. Reality of the air war in 1943
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 - On average, only _____% of the bombs fell on target
 - From _____-_____ 1944, WW 2 was an apocalyptic struggle and the outcome was uncertain.

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“Ultimately, [FDR’s] masterful handling of the American entrance into the war and effective leadership as a war president led to the end of the Third Reich.”

- Robert Rosen, *Saving The Jews: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Holocaust*