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

Terms:

1. **Economic depression**: The economic crisis beginning with the stock market crash in 1929 and continuing through the 1930s when there was a worldwide economic depression and mass unemployment.

2. **Pacifism:** A belief that international conflicts can be resolved without war.

3. **Isolationism:** A movement to "isolate" America from foreign affairs, avoid conflicts, and a political policy of economic nationalism (protectionism).

4. **Antisemitism:** Many different forms of irrational hatred of Jews.

5. **Annex:** To join together (In 1938, Austria became part of Germany).

6. **Refugee**: A person who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country."

7. **Jim Crow Laws:** State and local laws that segregated and discriminated against black Americans from 1876-1965).

8. **Quota:** A prescribed number; a proportional part of a greater whole.

9. **Visa:** An official authorization stamped into a passport, permitting entry into and travel within a particular country or region.

10. **Emigrate**: To leave one's country to settle in another.

11. **Immigrate:** To come to a new country.

12. **Kristallnacht:** Nazi term for the "Night of the Broken Glass" of November 9-10, 1938 when German Jews were attacked, their synagogues destroyed, and homes and stores looted.

13. **Kindertransports:** "Child transports" that allowed some Jewish children to fell Nazi Germany in the aftermath of Kristallnacht.