



Confronting Holocaust Denial

"No one will believe you" the Nazis said. That's the sole lesson of Auschwitz-Birkenau: Believe." – Howard Jacobson

Brainstorm: How do we know what we know about the Holocaust?

Who would deny the Holocaust and why?

1. The _____ were the first deniers.
2. The _____ Lobby incorporated the Institute for _____
to create the largest anti-Jewish propaganda organization in the U.S.

Categories of Holocaust Distortion:

3. Holocaust _____
(_____ the main facts of the Holocaust.)
4. Holocaust _____
(Encouraging _____ against Jews or Israel.)
5. Holocaust _____
(Minimalization, _____, or _____ the Holocaust.)
6. Holocaust _____
(Deny _____ of specific _____/_____.)
 - Haj Amin al-Husseini:
7. Holocaust _____/_____
8. Holocaust _____
(Targeting Jews or Israel as embodiment of _____.)
9. Accusing Jews of Holocaust _____
10. _____/_____ the Holocaust

Motives for Deniers:

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Quiz: Responding to main Holocaust denier myths

- The Holocaust did not occur because there is no “master plan” for Jewish annihilation.
- Holocaust scholars rely on survivor testimonies because there is no objective documentation proving the Nazi genocide.
- There was no net loss of Jewish life between 1941 and 1945.
- How do you know the number of victims?
- There were no gas chambers used for mass murder at Auschwitz or other camps.