

Yom HaShoah: Understanding The Holocaust

4th Grade



The Rise of Hitler



Understanding how propaganda influenced power

Germany's Struggles

After World War I, Germany faced severe economic hardships, leading to widespread unemployment and anger among the populace, which created an environment ripe for extremist ideologies.

Hitler's Promises

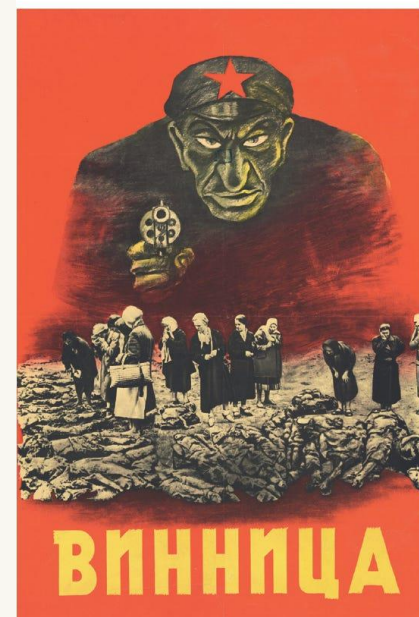
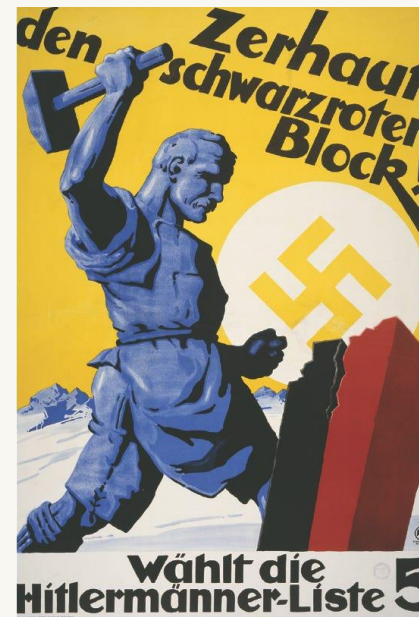
Adolf Hitler capitalized on public discontent by promising to restore Germany's former glory, using emotionally charged rhetoric that resonated with many citizens desperate for change and stability.

Blame and Lies

Hitler scapegoated Jewish people, spreading false narratives through propaganda that portrayed them as responsible for Germany's problems, manipulating public perception to justify discrimination and violence.

Understanding Propaganda Techniques

- Uses emotional language to manipulate people's feelings.
- Repeats messages to make them seem true and accepted.
- Blames specific groups to create division and fear.



Howard Melton: A Child's Courage

Howard Melton, born in Lithuania, faced terrible adversity as a child during the Holocaust. He wore a Star of David and showed remarkable bravery in the face of Nazi lies and hatred.



Recognizing Propaganda Techniques

- Identify emotional language that stirs strong feelings in us
- Look for repetition that reinforces a particular message
- Notice when one group is unfairly blamed for issues



Techniques of Propaganda

- Lies and exaggerations influence public opinion and beliefs.
- Emotional language creates strong feelings and reactions.
- Repetition reinforces messages until they become accepted truths.



Howard's Resistance

Friendship Amidst Adversity and Lies

Sharing Food

Howard and Albert forged a deep bond by sharing food, demonstrating **kindness** even in dire situations. Their friendship became a source of strength during challenging times.



Encouraging Each Other

Together, they lifted each other's spirits, refusing to succumb to despair. Their unwavering **support** highlighted the power of compassion and hope in the face of overwhelming adversity.

Thinking Critically

Recognizing Truth in Information

To effectively identify propaganda, we must ask questions, check facts, and consider various sources. This approach empowers us to discern facts from misinformation and encourages thoughtful discussions.

Yom HaShoah

A Day of Remembrance and Reflection

Yom HaShoah, or the Day of the Holocaust, serves as a crucial reminder to honor victims, reflect on our responsibilities, and commit to standing against hatred and injustice.



What Yom HaShoah Means

- **Remember** those who perished and honor their memories
- **Stand** against hatred and promote kindness in our actions
- **Think** critically about information we encounter every day
- **Treat** others with respect, regardless of their background
- **Protect** freedom and advocate for justice in our communities



The Importance of Survivor Stories



Survivors like Howard share their profound experiences, providing invaluable lessons. Listening to their stories fosters understanding, compassion, and a commitment to preventing hatred in our communities and beyond.



Recognizing Propaganda Today



- Social media often shares **one-sided** viewpoints and misinformation.
- Emotional ads manipulate feelings to influence **consumer choices**.
- Blaming certain groups creates division and **fosters misunderstanding**.

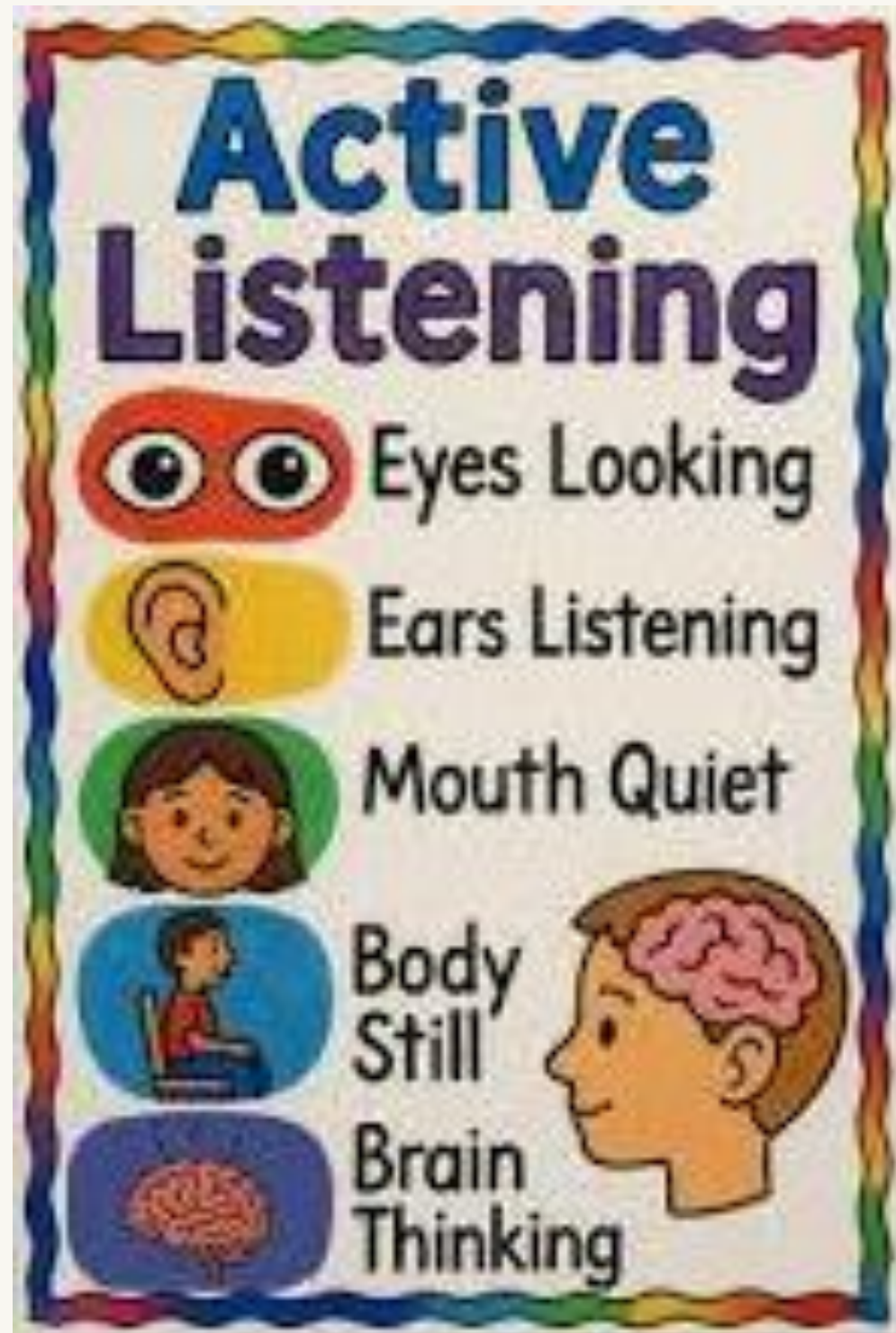


Our Responsibility to Stand Up

- Learn the truth about our past and present
- Think critically before believing or sharing information
- Stand up for others and speak out against hate



Guest Speaker Reflection



Listening with Respect and Empathy

Students will learn to **listen respectfully** to the guest speaker, ask thoughtful questions, and remember their story, fostering a deeper understanding of kindness and resilience.

Reflection Letter to Guest Speaker

Writing reflection letters allows you to express their gratitude and insights. You can share what you learned and how they will honor the messages of truth and kindness from the guest speaker.



Together

**Remember, treat others
with kindness**

