

 5th Grade

Yom HaShoah

Understanding the
Holocaust



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Unit Overview

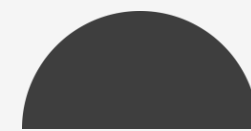
Essential Question and Goals for the Unit



Moral Choices
During the
Holocaust



Resistance, Survival,
and Moral Courage



Yom HaShoah and
Our Responsibility



Commitment to
Jewish Values



Explore the moral decisions made during the Holocaust.

6 key terms

Terms essential for understanding this lesson.

Key terms like **genocide** and **resister** help students grasp the complexities of moral choices during the Holocaust and their implications.





Causes of the Holocaust

Understanding the factors leading to this tragic event

The Holocaust arose from a combination of **economic struggles, deep-seated antisemitism**, and powerful propaganda, which fostered a climate of indifference and totalitarianism in society.



Timeline of Events

1933

Hitler takes power; Jewish rights are removed.



1935-1939

Discrimination against Jews increases significantly during this period.



1939-1941

Ghettos established as Jews are forcibly segregated.



1941-1945

Concentration camps become sites of systematic genocide.





Moral Choices

Exploring the roles and choices made during the Holocaust



This section highlights the moral decisions of various roles during the Holocaust, emphasizing how choices defined humanity and shaped history.



Rubin and Luba Literman

A story of love, survival, and resilience during the Holocaust

Rubin and Luba Literman's journey embodies the strength of **human connection**, showcasing their enduring love and hope amid the darkness of the Holocaust.



Reflection Prompts

Encouraging students to think deeply about moral decisions

Students will explore their own moral choices and reflect on the implications of their actions in connection to Jewish values and history.



Understanding resistance helps us honor choices made.

10,000 acts of resistance

Recorded during the Holocaust



Resistance took many forms, showing that **people stood up** for justice and humanity. Each act was a testament to courage and moral courage.



Forms of Resistance

Exploring the diverse ways individuals resisted oppression during the Holocaust

Resistance took many forms during the Holocaust, including spiritual, cultural, emotional, intellectual, active, and armed responses, reflecting human dignity and moral courage.



Rubin and Luba's Resistance

Emotional and Spiritual Persistence Amidst Adversity

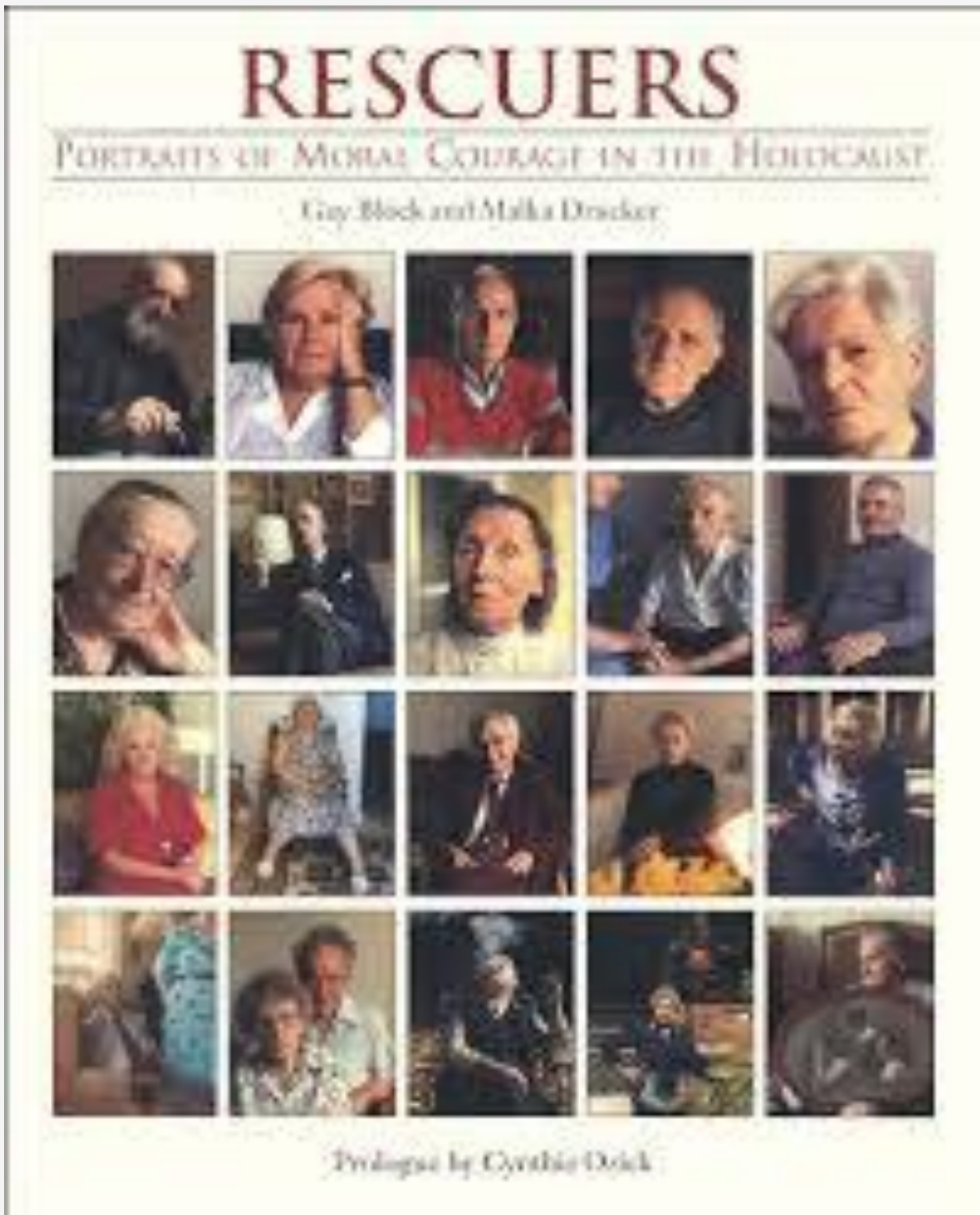
Rubin's secret messages and Luba's songs exemplified their profound **humanity** and resilience, demonstrating how creativity can defy dehumanization during the Holocaust.



Moral Courage

Upholding humanity and kindness in challenging situations

Moral courage involves making tough decisions to protect others' dignity, standing firm in one's values, and rebuilding lives after hardship.



Jewish Values in Action

Embracing our responsibilities through Tikkun Olam, Pikuach Nefesh, Chesed, and Tzedakah



These values inspire us to repair the world, protect life, show kindness, and pursue justice, guiding our actions and choices every day.



Yom HaShoah: A day of remembrance and
commitment

6 million lives

Jewish victims of the Holocaust

The tragic loss of **6 million lives** during the Holocaust reminds us to uphold Jewish values and protect human dignity today.



Yom HaShoah Values

Exploring the Jewish values of remembrance and moral courage in our lives

Yom HaShoah teaches us to embody **chesed** and **tikkun olam**, committing to moral courage and remembrance, honoring those who suffered while fostering a just world.



Survivors' Legacy

The enduring impact of Rubin and Luba Literman's story in Buffalo

Rubin and Luba rebuilt their lives in Buffalo, creating a legacy of love and resilience that continues to inspire future generations in the community.



Our Responsibility

Living Jewish Values Through Collective
Action and Compassion

Learn and share stories to
honor the past, live Jewish
values, stand up to injustice,
include others, and protect
human dignity for all.

Reflect on the importance of listening and learning

100%

Students' engagement leads to meaningful reflections

Engaging discussions enrich understanding of moral choices and responsibility, fostering a deeper connection to the lessons learned.





Commitment Letter

A template to express your personal commitments and reflections

This letter encourages you to articulate their **personal promises** inspired by the lessons learned, emphasizing the importance of living out Jewish values in daily life.

