Ultranationalism and Crimes Against Humanity

Humans vs. Humans
Why are you in Social Studies?

• Why do you think you need to learn Social Studies?

• Why do you think Mr. K is here to teach?
Why are you in Social Studies?

'Those that cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.'

(George Santayana)
World War Two

- The Rape of Nanking
  - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNpVQ7TFKNk

- The Atomic Bomb
  - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NF4LQaWJRDg&feature=fvsr
World War Two

• How would you feel if Japan had wiped out a Canadian city the size of Hiroshima?
• Was dropping the Atomic bomb a response to ultranationalism or an act of it? Or was it both?
Genocide

- Refers to the killing of members of a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group; causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; and deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to about its physical destruction.

- Exp. “The Final Solution”
Crimes Against Humanity

• Refers to widespread or systematic attacks against a civilian population – murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation, imprisonment, torture, rape or sexual slavery, enforced disappearance of persons, and the crime of apartheid.

• Exp. Apartheid (South Africa)
War Crimes

• Refers to wilful killing, torture, or inhuman treatment; wilfully causing great suffering; and intentionally directing attacks against the civilian population or against those who are involved in a humanitarian or peacekeeping mission.

• Exp. Bosnia
The Final Solution

- Fully implemented in 1942, Hitler and Nazi commanders gave the order to systematically murder the European Jewish population.
- By the end of the Second World War in 1945, over 6 million Jews had been killed.
- Although the Nazi’s focused on the extermination of Jews, other minorities such as gypsies, homosexuals, Poles, Soviets, and Jehovah’s Witness’s were killed in large numbers.
- Hitler planned to exterminate most, if not all Eastern Europeans if the Nazi’s had had victory.
A Total of 6,000,000 Jews

Percentage of Jews killed in each country

POLAND 91%  AUSTRIA 35%  USSR 36%
BELGIUM 45%  NORWAY 45%  LUXEMBOURG 55%
ROMANIA 84%  ESTONIA 44%  HUNGARY 74%
BOHEMIA 66%  YUGOSLAVIA 81%  LATVIA 84%
NETHERLANDS 71%  LITHUANIA 85%  GERMANY 36%
GREECE 87%  FRANCE 22%
16 of the 44 children taken from a French children’s home.

They were sent to a concentration camp and later to Auschwitz.

**ONLY 1 SURVIVED**

A group of children at a concentration camp in Poland.
Before poison gas was used, Jews were gassed in mobile gas vans. Carbon monoxide gas from the engine’s exhaust was fed into the sealed rear compartment. Victims were dead by the time they reached the burial site.
Jewish women, some holding infants, are forced to wait in a line before their execution by Germans and Ukrainian collaborators.
A German policeman shoots individual Jewish women who remain alive in the ravine after the mass execution.
The Final Solution

- Anti-Semitism existed around the world. Many people felt jealous for Jewish prosperity and wealth.
- Hitler successfully used his propaganda campaigns to incite violence and hatred against anything Jewish.

Canada was also part of this:
- In 1939, over 900 Jewish refugees tried to flee Germany on a ship called the *St. Louis*.
- The had stopped in various countries, but none granted them amnesty…including Canada.
- Canada explained that “If these Jews would find a home in Canada, they would likely be followed by others in shiploads.”
- In the end the *St. Louis* returned to Europe where many of the refugees were captured and executed.
The Final Solution

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWIar7JUAMQ

- After watching the above video on the SS St. Louis, use the stick-it-note activity to explain your opinion to the class.

- Do the responses of Canada and the international community to the treatment of Jews before and during World War II affect your view of Canada as a caring country?

- Should the many governments and individuals who did nothing to stop the persecution of Jews and other in Germany be considered guilty of crimes against humanity?
Timeline of Holocaust

- **After Sep. 1, 1939**
  - Mentally and physically disabled children were put to death.

- **After 1940**
  - Nazi propaganda goes to extreme methods to get Germans to hate Jews.
  - All Jews were forced to wear the yellow ‘star of David’ as a form of identification.

- **July 1941**
  - Soviet Jews are killed on site.

- **Aug 1942**
  - Reigner, Jewish diplomat, told the U.S that the Nazi’s planned to exterminate all Jews. No one believed him.

- **Jan. 20, 1942**
  - Wannsee Conference: decision to implement the ‘final solution’, followed by the systematic genocide of gypsies and Jews.

- **1945**
  - Allied troops begin to find concentration camps and expect the worst.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qk9GzQc2s6o
And to the victor go the spoils…

• Watch Twentieth Century History (War Crimes) and complete the worksheet.

• Once you have completed…
  – Is it fair for victors to judge the defeated?
  – What would have happened if our enemies had won? What kind of things would we be judged on?
Genocide in Turkey - 1915

• Before Turkey became independent after 1915, it was still part of the Ottoman Empire.
• The Ottoman Empire consisted of a majority of Muslim citizens.
• The Armenians were Christians.
• Why?
  – Armenian nationalist sided with Russia during WWI.
  – Branded traitors by the Ottoman army.
  – Ottomans used the cover of war to eradicate and massacre Armenians.
  – Wanted to force women and children into Islam.
  – Men under 50 were to be killed.
Genocide in Turkey - 1915

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fl8sMDZkyXc

- Watch the following short video on the Armenian Genocide.
- Complete the assigned worksheet using Pages 163 & 164 in your textbook.
Famine in Ukraine 1932-1933

- During the 19th and early 20th Century, Ukrainian nationalism was on the rise.
- Occurred due to Stalin’s policy of forced Collectivization.
- In 1932 Stalin raised Ukraine's grain procurement quotas by 44%.
- This meant that there would not be enough grain to feed the peasants, since Soviet law required that no grain from a collective farm could be given to the members of the farm until the government's quota was met.
Famine in Ukraine 1932-1933

- Stalin's decision and the methods used to implement it condemned millions of peasants to death by starvation.
- Even indispensible seed grain was forcibly confiscated from peasant households.
- Any man, woman, or child caught taking even a handful of grain from a collective farm could be, and often was, executed or deported.
- Between 8 -10 million people have reported to have died between 1932-1933.

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfVq3ET-uDA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfVq3ET-uDA)
- Watch the following video and like before, complete the prescribed worksheet using pages 165.