

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

GUIDELINES FOR TEACHING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST

1. *Define the term "Holocaust."*
2. *Just because it happened does not mean it was inevitable.*
3. *Avoid simple answers to complex questions.*
4. *Strive for Precision of Language.*
5. *Strive for balance in establishing whose perspective informs your study of the Holocaust.*
6. *Avoid comparisons of pain.*
7. *Do not romanticize the history.*
8. *Contextualize the history.*
9. *Translate statistics into people.*
10. *Make responsible methodological choices.*

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR TEACHING ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST

1. *Define genocide and crimes against humanity.*
2. *Investigate the dynamics and context that have resulted in genocide.*
3. *Be wary of simplistic parallels to other genocides.*
4. *Analyze American and world response.*
5. *Illustrate positive actions taken by individuals and nations in the face of genocide.*