

Children during the Holocaust

Explain to students that as they continue to consider childhood and their own experiences as a child, you want them to focus on what it would have been like to be a child during the Holocaust, specifically a Jewish child or a child of another targeted group.

Ask:

- What do you imagine it was like to be a Jewish child growing up under Nazi rule? How do you imagine the childhoods of such children were impacted? How might the experiences of children have differed from the experiences of adults?
- Looking at the list we've created, how might these words and phrases of childhood experiences and emotions compare and contrast to those of a Jewish child who grew up during Nazi rule?
- Are there any aspects of childhood that might be the same, regardless of what was happening in the world around the child? Explain.
- What was the survival rate of children during the Holocaust?