

The HOLOCAUST in The SOVIET UNION



ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM
& EDUCATION CENTER

Activity: Photo Analysis

GRADE LEVEL: 7th-12th Grades

SUBJECT: Multidisciplinary

SUGGESTED TIME: 30-60 minutes

ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

How do visual images help shape our understanding of historical events?

RESOURCES: [Holocaust in the Soviet Union Educator Resources](#)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Divide the class into small groups. Let them choose one of the pictures listed below and examine it. [Click here for photos](#)
2. Have students reflect on their photo:
 - a. What do you see?
 - b. What do you is happening in the moment the photo was taken?
 - c. Who do you think was present?
 - d. Why do you think the photographer chose to take this picture?
3. Ask the students to read the summary in the appropriate section in the online exhibition. Ask students if providing that contextual knowledge changes their perceptions of the photograph and explain why or why not.
4. Ask students to consider what may be happening that we can't see in the photograph. Have students draw an extension of the photograph and what they think may be happening outside the frame of the photo.