

HOLOCAUST DIARY

While Anne Frank is perhaps one of the most well-known victims of the Holocaust, millions of other people had their own stories and journeys. This project gives you the opportunity to create a voice for some of those victims. Below are websites that will help you create diary entries for your Holocaust victim.

Diary must include:

- **Six neatly written diary entries (typed is fine too)**
- **A decorated diary cover**
- **A timeline of the child's life**
- **A time passage poem**

Page 1 **Entry #1:** Introduce yourself to the diary by giving some background information about you and your family. Explain why you are writing in the diary. Also give information about what is going on in the world at the time. (Hint: This entry should be on the first page of your diary and the entry date should be BEFORE your country was invaded by Germany.)

Page 2 & 3 **Time Line:**

Needs to include the following (in order):

1. Birth Date
2. When country was occupied by German military
3. Date you are sent to Ghetto
4. Date you are sent to concentration camp
5. What happens to you (Death or Freedom?)

Your timeline should be illustrated.

Page 4 **Time Passage Poem:**

Use the poem outline to write a time passage poem. Remember, you are writing as if you were the actual person!

Yesterday I _____
I believed _____
The world seemed _____
And, I thought _____
Today I know _____
I fear _____
I can see _____
And, I wish _____
Tomorrow, I will _____
My life _____
My fears _____
And, I'll know _____

Page 5 **Entry #2:**

Use [this timeline of anti-Jewish laws and decrees](https://www.ushmm.org/m/pdfs/20140122-Laws-Decrees-Timeline.pdf) to see what life was like living under German law. <https://www.ushmm.org/m/pdfs/20140122-Laws-Decrees-Timeline.pdf>

Describe what life was like once the Germans occupied your country. How has your daily life changed? What does your family do? What are some of the new rules and regulations? How are people feeling?

Page 6 **Entry #3:**

Use the attached presentation on Ghettos to see what life was like living in a Ghetto.

Ghetto Presentation.pdf

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=am9yZGFuZGlzdHJpY3Qub3JnfDh0aC1ncmFkZS1sYW5ndWFnZS1hcnRzLXdpdGgtbXJzLWN1cnRpc3xneDoyZDdjMzIyMTY3YzZhYWQy>

Describe what it is like being forced to live in a ghetto. How are you handling the change? What rumors are you hearing about concentration camps?

Page 7 **Entry #4:**

You have now been notified that your family will be sent to a concentration camp. How do you feel? What can you do to prepare? Describe your journey to the camp.

Use the attached presentations on concentration camps to see what life was like.

Concentration Camps:

Interactive Map: <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/nazi-camps>

Map of Concentration Camps: <https://www.thoughtco.com/concentration-and-death-camps-map-1779690>

List of Camps/Locations/Use/Liberation: <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/list-of-major-nazi-concentration-camps>

Page 8 **Entry #5:**

What was it like seeing the concentration camp for the first time? What happens when you first arrive? What kinds of things are going through your mind? Describe your first few days.

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Concentration Camps.pdf

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=am9yZGFuZGlzdHJpY3Qub3JnfDh0aC1ncmFkZS1sYW5ndWFnZS1hcnRzLXdpdGgtbXJzLWN1cnRpc3xneDo1MjAwNTdiNjBhMzJhNTc1>

Page 9 **Entry #6:**

Tell your fate (did you live or die)? Describe life in the camp just before you died or were liberated. If you lived, describe your feelings prior to the liberation of the camp. If you died, how do you feel as you are approaching your death?