

Będzin Exhibit Vocabulary Words

Arranged by Common Core Standard Tiers

Tier 2 Words

(words to be used across disciplines)

- Discrimination
 - Unfair treatment of different people or things
- Synagogue
 - The center of Jewish religious and cultural life
- Memoir
 - A biography written by an individual about their lives
- Zionism
 - Movement for creation and protection of the Jewish nation
- Orthodox
 - Following what is traditionally accepted as right or true
- Segregation
 - Action of setting someone or something apart from other people or things
- Deportation
 - Forced relocation of an individual
- Liquidation
 - The removal of all Jews from a particular area
- Resilience
 - The act to recover quickly from difficulties
- Liberation
 - Act of setting someone free from imprisonment
- Concentration camps
 - Prison camps
- Labor camps
 - Camps where people were forced to work

Tier 3 Words

(words specific to the Holocaust and the Będzin Exhibit)

- Będzin
 - Jewish community in southern Poland on the banks of the rivers Brynica and Przemsza
 - pronounced “ben·gin” (like “engine” preceded by a “b”)
- Antisemitism
 - Prejudice against or hatred of Jews
- Holocaust
 - Destruction on a mass scale
- Nuremberg Race Laws
 - Laws that revoked German citizenship for Jewish people and defined a “Jew” as someone with three or four Jewish grandparents
- Kristallnacht
 - Night of Broken Glass: Wave of anti-Jewish violence and destruction of Jewish property throughout Germany
- Nazis
 - Members of a political organization following an ideology of antisemitism
- Ghettos
 - Districts into which Nazis forced the Jewish population to live under harsh conditions
- Jewish Council, or Judenrat
 - Councils created by Nazi Germany to control the Jewish population in the ghettos
- Auschwitz
 - The largest death camp created by Nazi Germany near the Polish town of Oswiecim
- Wannsee Conference
 - Conference that discussed the implementation of “Final Solution of the Jewish Question” (the mass murder of European Jews)
- Extermination camps
 - camps built By Nazis for the sole purpose of murdering people on a massive scale
- Death marches
 - At the end of World War II, the remaining Jewish population was forced on brutal marches across Europe away from the advancing Soviet, British and American forces