

Concentration Camps

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What is a Concentration Camp?

- During WWII
- Held under Hitler's control
- The 1st camp was Dachau [dach-how].

4 DIFFERENT TYPES OF CAMPS

- Extermination camps
- Labor camps
- Transition camps
- POW hostage camps



Auschwitz

- Largest camp with the worst conditions
- 1.3 million were killed
- Today Auschwitz is a museum.



Cattle Cars

- Prisoners were transported.
- No food\water for days or weeks.
- 100 people to a car.
- A small vent for air.



Selections

When prisoners first arrived they were selected to die or work.

Left - old, sick, and women with young children

Right - healthy and strong people

Conditions

- Little food (rations)
- Diseases spread like wildfire
- No privacy



Hospitals

- Prisoners could stay a short time at the hospital.
- Shots were used to instantly kill some patients.



Killings

- Eleven million people were killed in concentration camps, 6 million were Jews.
- Killed by gas chambers, work, and crematoriums
- Guard dogs often shred people to death



Liberated

- At the end of WWII
- Nazis ran away so they would not be arrested by the Allies.



Closing Thoughts

- “Think About What You Saw Today”

US Holocaust Memorial
Museum.

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