

How did things change for Jews & Minorities during the war?



Following Kristallnacht in 1938, 500,000 Jews had fled escaping the worsening Nazi persecutions. The Jews who remained were soon rounded up and put into Ghettos where they would remain until they were sent to a death camp like Auschwitz.



The ghettos were shut off from the rest of the city and were very overcrowded. Food, water and power were cut off and hundreds of Jews died everyday







Who were the Einsatzgruppen?

Himmler sent four specially trained SS units called “Einsatzgruppen battalions” into German occupied territory and shot at least 1 million Jews.

Victims were taken to deserted areas where they were made to dig their own graves and shot.





What was the 'Final Solution'



Himmler:
Leader of SS

In January 1942, Himmler decided to change tactics once again and called a special conference at Wannsee, in Berlin.

At this conference it was decided that the existing methods were too inefficient and that a new 'Final Solution' to the Jewish problem was necessary.



The solution was to exterminate all of Europe's Jews







