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## **Glossary of Terms**

**Ally:** someone who speaks out on behalf of someone else, a helper.

**Ambassador:** an authorized representative of a foreign government.

**Anti-Semitism:** prejudice or discrimination against Jews based on negative group stereotypes or negative views of their religious beliefs.

**Attorney:** a lawyer, or legal agent.

**Auschwitz:** Nazi Germany's largest concentration camp and extermination camp located near the industrial town of Oswiecim in southern Poland.

**Collaborators:** persons who cooperate or willingly assist an enemy of one's country or an occupying force.

**Commuted:** converted or changed to a less severe state.

**Concentration camp:** a camp where persons (prisoners of war, political prisoners, or refugees) are detained or confined.

**Conspiracy:** to join in a secret agreement to do an unlawful or wrongful act.

**Consul:** an official appointed by a government to reside in a foreign country.

**Dachau:** the first Nazi concentration camp in Germany, established on March 10, 1933.

**Deportation:** the removal of a person from a country whose presence is determined to be unlawful.

**Detainment:** to keep back, to restrain from proceeding.

**Emigrated:** to leave one's country to live elsewhere.

**Exile:** the state of forced or voluntary absence from one's country or home.

**Extermination camp:** a Nazi German concentration camp that specialized in the mass murder of unwanted persons (according to the Nazis), who were primarily Jews.

**Gestapo:** a secret Nazi German police organization that used terrorist methods against people who were considered disloyal or unwanted.

**Holocaust:** the mass slaughter of European civilians, primarily Jews, by the Nazis during World War II.

**Impending:** about to occur in a threatening sense.

**Indifference:** lack of caring or showing interest one way or another.

**Inspector:** a person who looks over and makes official examinations.

**Internment camp:** a camp where persons (prisoners of war or refugees) are detained for a period of time.

**Nazi:** a member of the German ruling party controlling Germany from 1933 to 1945 under Adolf Hitler.

**Occupy:** to take possession or control.

**Persecution:** the act of harassing or injuring those who differ in origin, religion, or social outlook.

**Port:** a harbor town or city where ships may dock to take on, or take off, goods or merchandise.

**Provincial of the Franciscan Order:** a superior of the Franciscan order (a special Roman Catholic religious organization of priests and nuns).

**Refugee:** a person who runs away to a foreign country to escape danger or persecution.

**Rescuer:** a person who frees others from confinement, danger, or evil.

**Righteous:** acting with moral principles.

**Stereotype:** an oversimplified view or generalization about a person or group of people without regard for individual differences.

**Treason:** the formal offense of attempting to overthrow the government of a state or country.

**Tyranny:** unreasonably severe power exerted by a government, and/or a government in which power is vested in a single ruler.

**Visa:** a signature of approval on a passport to proceed into a foreign country.

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