**Holocaust Memorial Project**

As you’ve learned, the Holocaust was an immensely destructive and violent period in human history. Few words fully describe the horrors and injustices perpetrated by the Nazis and their allies across Europe during the 1930s-40s. It is important that each generation that follows understands how state-sponsored acts promoting exclusion, ostracism, stratification, and civil discord can lead to long-lasting communal devastation. For this reason, following the Holocaust many Jews and non-Jews alike adopted the slogan “Never Again,” referring to their steadfast resolve to never allow such an atrocity to occur to anyone ever again.

But how do we ensure that the lessons understood from the Holocaust are relearned so that the unspeakable horrors may never be repeated again?

One way is through the making of memorials to the victims of the Holocaust. Not only did six million Jews die in Europe between 1933-1945, but so did hundreds of thousands of Gypsies, communists, Slavs (Poles, Ukrainians, etc.), democrats, socialists, members of the LGBTQ community, and people with disabilities.

Your assignment is to design and build a model monument that will serve as a memorial to the victims of Nazi aggression. You must consider the following questions:

1. Where would you build your monument, and why that location?
2. Out of what materials would you build your monument? What do they symbolize and why?
3. Who specifically would you seek to memorialize, an individual, a small group, or a large population? Would they be victims from a certain concentration camp, specific event/location, or more general?
4. What is the message of your memorial?
5. Who is your intended audience? Do you want to display your memorial for people in Germany, in Europe, in the United States?
6. How will you design your monument, and what is the significance of your design? Be as creative as you would like, but please be respectful as well.

Once you have answered these questions, you may proceed to constructing a model example of your monument. Remember, millions of lives were brutally cut short. Please be find a way to respectfully honor the victims of one of humanity’s most horrible crimes and always remember: Never Again!

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| Location | Student has clearly described where the monument would be built |  |  | Student has not selected a location for the monument’s construction |
| Materials | Student has used materials and provided a meaning behind those materials |  |  | Student has not chosen meaningful materials for the monument |
| Population | Student has addressed which person/people will be memorialized |  |  | Student has not selected a specific population to be memorialized |
| Message | Student has ensured that the monument expresses a specific message |  |  | Student has not created a purposeful message for the  monument |
| Audience | Student has targeted a clear audience for his/her monument |  |  | Student has not targeted a clear audience for his/her monument |
| Design | Student has demonstrated the significance of the design of the monument |  |  | Student has not created a unique and symbolic monument design |