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| **INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLOCAUST RDG 40 PNTS** |

**DIRECTIONS:** Go to this link (<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/introduction-to-the-holocaust>). This is an introductory reading of the Holocaust. Below there are a set of questions connected to the sections of the reading. Read through the sections, watch the videos, read the maps and charts, and be sure to give thorough responses.

**READING CHECK QUESTIONS (5 pnts a piece)**

1. What are some of the historical underpinnings for why the Jews were targeted by the Nazis?
2. What exactly was “The Final Solution to the Jewish Question”?
3. What were the five major killing centers the Nazis established?
4. What were the ghettos nature and purpose? What exactly was life like in them according to Charlene Schiff?
5. What other groups were persecuted and murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust?

**CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS (5 pnts a piece)**

1. What can we learn from the massive size and scope of the Holocaust?
2. Across Europe, the Nazis found countless willing helpers who collaborated or were complicit in their crimes. What motives and pressures led so many individuals to persecute, to murder, or to abandon their fellow human beings?
3. Were there warning signs of what was to come before the Nazis came to power in 1933? Before the start of mass killing in 1941?