

HANDOUT

# Chain-of-Events Graphic Organizer

List events leading up to the Holocaust, identify what role they played in setting the stage for the Holocaust, and offer ideas of what actions might have been taken to prevent the chain of events from happening.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Beginning events:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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How did this help set the stage for the Holocaust?  
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What actions might have been taken to break the chain of events? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Next events:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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How did this help set the stage for the Holocaust?  
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What actions might have been taken to break the chain of events? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What actions might have been taken to break the chain of events? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Outcome:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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How did this help set the stage for the Holocaust?  
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# Key Events, 1933-1945

**1933**

Jewish businesses and offices throughout Germany were boycotted

Jews were expelled from the German civil service

**1934**

Non-Aryan medical students were prohibited from taking medical exams

**1935**

Nuremberg Laws restricted citizenship to persons of "German or kindred blood"

**1936**

Hitler named Heinrich Himmler as SS chief and chief of German police

**1937**

Jews in Germany were prohibited from giving testimony in courts

**1938**

Thirty-two countries gathered at Evian, France, for a conference convened by President Franklin D. Roosevelt

*Kristallnacht* (Night of Broken Glass)

**1939**

Jews in Germany forced to wear the letter J for "*Jude*"

Mass murder of disabled Germans began

First Polish ghetto established

**1940**

The death camp at Auschwitz was established

The ghettos of Warsaw and Lodz were sealed

**1941**

The mass murder of Jews began

Experiments at Auschwitz with gas chambers and Zyklon B

Japan attacked Pearl Harbor; United States declared war on Japan and Germany

Actual gassing of Jews began in mobile vans

**1942**

Reinhard Heydrich announced a plan for the "Final Solution"

**1943**

Warsaw Ghetto is obliterated after a month of fierce fighting

**1944**

The killing of Jews quickened at the war's end

Forced death marches began

**1945**

Soviet forces entered Auschwitz; liberation revealed the magnitude of the loss

Hitler committed suicide

Germany surrendered to the Allies

Japan surrendered; end of World War II