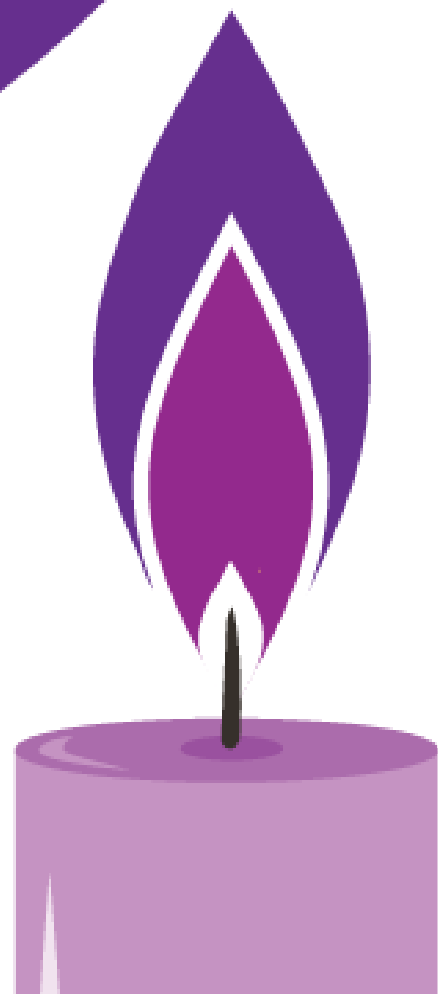


Teachers' Guide to **Holocaust Memorial Day**



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This guide supports you in planning and delivering Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) activities on or around 27 January.

2Simple and Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) have collaborated to create 6 new activities on Purple Mash. The activities build on the Holocaust Memorial Day Primary Assembly that introduces pupils to HMD, the Holocaust and discrimination, and what pupils can do to mark HMD. Learning about the Holocaust and more recent genocides contributes to pupils' social, moral and cultural education, which supports their growth as citizens.

You can choose which activities work best for your pupils and ask them to complete one or all, depending on the time you have available. Learning about the Holocaust and more recent genocides contributes to pupils' social, moral and cultural education, which supports their growth as citizens. Click [here](#) to access the Holocaust Memorial Day primary assembly presentation, notes for teachers and new resources.

Remember to share how you marked HMD with us on social media using hashtags #HMD2024 and #PMHMD. If you would like to include HMDT graphics, they are available [here](#).

2Simple

2Simple is the award-winning Education Technology software company whose flagship primary school platform Purple Mash is used in over 7,500 schools across the UK and worldwide. 2simple has been supporting teachers for over 20 years with curriculum-based content. Our aim is to use technology to simplify difficult concepts and make learning fun.

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT)

HMDT is the registered charity, funded by the UK Government, to promote and support Holocaust Memorial Day marked each year on 27 January. HMDT provides resources and support for thousands of commemorations and learning activities every year in workplaces, youth groups, museums, prisons, schools, colleges and universities and places of worship. More information is available [here](#).

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD)

HMD takes place every year on 27 January, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. It is an international day to remember the 6 million Jews murdered during the Holocaust and the millions of people murdered under the Nazi persecution of other groups and in more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

HMD is an occasion for everyone to come together to learn, remember, reflect and consider what action we can take to stand up to hatred, discrimination and racism in the world today. There is still much to do to create a safer future and marking HMD is an opportunity to start this process in your school.

The [HMD guidelines for teachers](#) from HMDT help you identify age-appropriate ways to introduce and discuss the Holocaust and more recent genocides in schools. Lesson plans, assemblies, life stories of those affected by genocide, including survivors and those who were murdered, and other materials are available [here](#).

HMD has a theme each year, which you can use to inform your annual activities. Further information about this year's theme, Fragility of Freedom, is available [here](#).

Purple Mash Activities

Holocaust Memorial Day Quiz



https://www.purplemash.com/app/pup/Holocaust_memorial_day_quiz

Holocaust Memorial Day Quiz tests in 10 questions what your pupils learnt during the assembly. It is designed to consolidate learning of key points and to be a starting point for classroom discussion.

Experiences of Discrimination Newspaper



https://www.purplemash.com/app/pup/Holocaust_Memorial_Day_Discrimination_Poster

Pupils are encouraged to investigate either a famous person or someone in their family who has overcome discrimination and write a newspaper article to celebrate their achievements. This activity expands the lessons of the assembly to consider ways in which discrimination has taken place in the past and continues today. Your pupils can research a historical figure, such as Nelson Mandela or Martin Luther King, or a sports person, singer or actor.

Holocaust Memorial Day Pledge



https://www.purplemash.com/app/pup/Holocaust_Memorial_Day_Pledge

This activity asks pupils to make their own pledges to make sure there is no discrimination in their school. You can use this opportunity to encourage pupils to consider how they are part of preventing this behaviour.

Letter about Freedoms and Rights



https://www.purplemash.com/app/pup/Holocaust_Memorial_Day_Freedom_letter

Pupils are asked to write a letter to persuade the reversal of new laws that discriminate against them based on the colour of their hair or eyes. This activity is designed for pupils to carefully consider and articulate the consequences and impact of discrimination on the lives of those who are targeted.

Freedom and Rights Thought Shower



https://www.purplemash.com/app/pup/hmd_freedom2connect

Pupils can use this template to think through what prejudice, discrimination, human rights, liberty and identity mean for them. This activity is designed to support the Poem about Freedoms activity.

Poem about Freedoms



https://www.purplemash.com/app/pup/Holocaust_Memorial_Day_Freedom_Poem

Having considered the meaning of human rights and other related concepts, pupils can create a poem about the importance of rights and freedoms to them. If you wish to introduce your pupils to poems written by survivors and victims as part of this activity and explore them together, please visit HMDT website [here](#).

Questions and contacts

If you have any questions about the resources, we at HMDT and 2Simple are happy to help.

For questions about marking HMD in your school, please contact HMDT Education Officer at education@hmdt.org.uk.

Contact info@simple.com for any questions about Purple Mash.