W6A Lesson 3, Essay 2, Draft 1

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Topic: An historical event that could been avoided

The Holocaust

What would have happened if America and other countries had stood up when Germany just began to coerce and tyrannize the Jews? A “holocaust” in English and German is from Greek, meaning “burning sacrifices with fire.” Jews called it "Shoah," from Hebrew, meaning a "holocaust.” The Holocaust refers to the ethnic cleansing of Jews by Nazi Germany in World War II and is one of the most notorious atrocities of the war. Germany massacred nearly six million Jews during the ethnic cleansing.

After Nazi Germany's lightning-fast occupation of Poland, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and France, the Jews in those countries naturally lived under the ravages of fascist iron hoofs. The German Defense Forces, Nazi Germany and German Government all concerted action to persecute Jewish people. Then Nazis even started incitement to the public to oppose to the Jew. The Jewish people had no freedom, they had to wear the Jewish star. Everybody would have the eyes of despise to them when they walked on the street. Jews were forced to live in the Jewish district. Because that place was too small and no one could get out, so there was an infection that began to spread. Every Jew that walked around near the export could be shot by the soldiers.

The exile of Greek Jews was one of the most barbaric acts of fascism. The ten-day journey, when the expelled Jews arrived at the concentration camp, was exhausting, and what awaited them was only slave labor and wanton slaughter. Extinction orders inciting the local population to exterminate Judaism spread everywhere, thousands and thousands of Jewish were summoned to some remote place to be executed by killing machines, many unknown Jews were driven to another world before they could understand what was going on, and sometimes the whole area turned into a giant cemetery. *A large number of children were sent to concentration camps in batches. Children over the age of 14 were treated as adults in the process of being sent to concentration camps. Sometimes the innocent, weak children came home from a children's home in a school or a Jewish neighborhood and saw only unfamiliar faces at home, and their parents had been poisoned. January 27, 1945, the Soviet Red Army invaded Auschwitz concentration camp, they saw 7,650 ghost-like people —— Holocaust survivors. The Soviet Red Army, which liberated Auschwitz, was the 100th Infantry Division and the 107th Division 504th Infantry Regiment. On the way to the liberation of the concentration camp, the Red Army of the Soviet Union exchanged fire along the road and the fleeing Germans. There were 231 Red Army soldiers sleeping in the battle to liberate Auschwitz.*

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The last paragraph is a brief summary of the Holocaust. Jew suffered during the Holocaust and nobody cared about them. Even though the Germans made a lot of excuses for these things, but that doesn't wipe out what they did. In my opinion, everybody in Europe didn’t like Jews that much. The reason of this I think is because Jewish were smart and rich, they were having business in Europe, and Because when the Germans were hungry for milk and couldn't afford it, Jews would rather dump it than sell it at a lower price. Another reason I think is that most of the country in that time was Christian, and Judas who was Jewish sell Jesus who was God’s child to another Jewish judge for death, so people hate Judas and hate Jewish because they think they were arrogant and for the sake of profit.

What will happen if American soldiers and Soviet Red Army came before fascist killed so many Jews? Will Jewish grow stronger than now? In my opinion, if Germany didn’t coerce Jewish, I think Germany's defeat will be delayed; because there is no money to wage war, to delay the beginning and to put an end to it. The massacre intensified the conflict and accelerated the end of the war. I couldn’t say that Germany’s defeat will be delayed is a good thing or not, but in any point of view disservice others is not a good action, and you can’t erase what happened. There’s a lot of movies talking about this thing, mostly are specifically talking one family or one man, children; like *La Vita è bella* and *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*. I think they make movies is to remember those who sacrificed and suffered for this Holocaust.

**Captain’s Notes:** Dear Michelle, thank you for choosing such a terrible event in history to write about. It’s important that we remember what happened, so we can make sure it never happens again. Unfortunately, ethnic cleansing is not just a thing of the past. It continues to happen today and closer to home than you might think. Of course, governments will always make excuses to justify their terrible actions, just as the Nazis did. But we must never accept their lies as the truth. About your essay, I have highlighted some of your mistakes red. I cannot correct all your mistakes for you. Please try your best to corrected everything highlighted in yellow yourself. Please pay special attention to verb tense.

Also, you must always use quotation marks “ ” when quoting a source. For example: *According to an article titled “They Survived the Holocaust. Now They’re Confronting the Virus.” by The New York Times, “the coronavirus has killed more than twice as many people aged 80 and up as it has people under 60.”*

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