An Insight to History:
The Holocaust Journal Assignment

Objective: To write a series of journal entries from the perspective of a persecuted individual during the Nazi rule of Germany.

Assignment Description

For these journal entries, you will be writing first-hand accounts of the experiences that a certain individual might experience if he or she were living during the time of Nazi rule and occupation in Europe. You will take on the persona from one of the groups listed below. You may write your journal in any format you wish: letters, diary entries, poems, etc. What is important in this assignment is that you assume the role of a person from one of the groups listed below and write from the perspective of that individual. You must remember to keep your understanding of that individual in mind as you write your journals.

Assignment Requirements

1. You must write your entries in a separate notebook that will be collected at the conclusion of this unit.
2. You must write according to the journal prompts that are given throughout the unit (75+ words per prompt).
3. You are to write using an appropriate and realistic language. Avoid trivializing the experience and truly put yourself in the position of the assigned person.
4. Create an Identification Card for your individual (see side 2).
5. Your journal project will be due at the conclusion of the unit. **Taken together, your journal and ID card will count as one essay grade.**

Badge Descriptions

Like many "undesirables" in Germany and other Nazi occupied territories, individuals were required to wear badges that illustrated to the citizens and soldiers who they were. The badge colors represent the following groups:

Blue = Mentally and/or Physically Handicapped

Red = Resistance/Political prisoners   **Pink** = Homosexual

Black = Gypsies or Non-Germans   **Purple** = Jehovah's Witnesses

Yellow = Religious Thinker (Jewish, Christian who sympathizes with Jews, etc.)

Orange = Musician or Artist   **Green** = Criminal

You may choose your own description. Please remember to be true to your persona at all times when writing your journal entries.