

Race Cleansing

- 1941 - Operation Barbarossa
 - Multiplies terror & slaughter
 - Mass executions by mobile killing squads
 - Coincides w/ formulation of “ultimate goal” by Heydrich
 - Commissar Decree of May 14, 1941
 - *Einsatzgruppen*
 - Russia = different
 - 4 *Einsatzgruppen*
 - Eleven categories marked “for execution”
 - Einsatzs traveled fast & light
 - Ranks filled with locals
 - Pay = vodka, carton of cigs, sausages for lunch

- Development of Annihilation Process
 - Nazis would use “Fog of War”
 - Exterminations carried out after invasion
 - Intensified as war spreads
 - By Winter 1941
 - SS sought “efficient” methods of “pacification”
 - Shot 5-10 at a time
 - Too costly
 - Then even more so
 - More men; more bullets
 - Jeckeln’s technique = *Sardinenpackung*
 - *Genickschussen*

- “Efficiently” fills pit

— New process needed

— July 31, 1941

- Goering empowers Heydrich to organize *Abschließend Auflösung*

— Jan 20, 1942

- Wannsee Conference

- Entire communities = “evacuated

- Jews to transit ghettos

- “Treated accordingly”

— Thirty copies circulated

- Towards Annihilation

— Plans implemented after Wannsee

- Eichmann instructs all state police stations
 - Collect precise data
 - Data printed in little “black” book

- “Evacuation” procedure
 - Upon arrival of police:
 - Once removed = “Treated accordingly”

- Problem = how to efficiently kill 11 million people?
 - Bullets inefficient; costly

 - T4 Program

 - Lessons from Poland
 - 1ST primitive gassings at *Majdenek*

 - Relocation myth

- Commandant Odilo Globocnik

 - Transforms *Majdenek* into center of death

 - Devised primitive gas chamber

 - Belzec

 - Chelmno, Sobibor, & Treblinka

 - Auschwitz-Birkenau, Majdanek
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- Annihilation - "*Aktion Reinhardt*"
 - All camps follow procedures based Auschwitz-Birkenau model

 - Commandant Rudolf Hoess designs process
 - Divided into 4 groups

 - Group 1) = all children, women w/ children, elderly, "unfit"

- Group 2) physically fit
- Group 3) dwarfs & twins
- Group 4) pretty women

— Everything recorded; used for war effort

— At Auschwitz camps

— Industry of Death

1. Were the Terror-Famine and Great Terror genocides?

2. Why were the genocides perpetrated?

3. Who were the leaders?

4. Who were the actual perpetrators?

5. How were the victims defined?

6. How was the genocide implemented?

7. What were the results?