

Why is propaganda dangerous?

Outcomes:

Identify different types of propaganda

Describe how the Nazis encouraged antisemitism using propaganda

Explain propaganda is dangerous and why it is important to combat propaganda in our world today

Activities:

1. After completing the street episode on The Journey App define the word 'propaganda'. What is it? What is it designed to do? Explore the examples of propaganda from the street. What methods are being used and why?
2. Explore Leo's classroom: What surprises you about Leo's classroom? How is it similar and different to classrooms today? What do you think is the biggest difference and why? Can you find any examples of propaganda?
3. Explore the objects found in Leo's classroom. Click on the different objects to learn more about them. What are these objects teaching the children about Jewish people? Which are propaganda? How can we tell?
4. Outline Leo's experience at school. Does he have any of these? What impact would this have?
5. Reflection: What impact did propaganda have on Jewish children? The Jewish population in Germany was 0.75%. This meant that there might be only one Jewish child in a class or an entire school. How would the Hitler Youth treat them? Who would be their friend? How would the teacher interact with them? Would they be treated the same as other children? What impact would this have on their learning?
6. Survivor story: Bernard Grunberg. What impact did Nazi propaganda have on Jewish students? Listen to Bernard describing his school experience. Why is it unfair?
7. Survivor story: Ruth David. She is recalling seeing propaganda as a child and knowing it was wrong. Do you think you can identify it? How? What can we do to stop propaganda and racism today?
8. Task: Propaganda and hatred is still a problem today. Create a poster to help people identify and stop propaganda being shared in your community and online. Try to include: How to identify propaganda and hatred. Why it is harmful and impact it has to individuals and communities. What to do about it.

Reflections:

What do we do if we see Propaganda and racism today?

Why is it important to speak out against it?

Resources

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The Journey App