

Combating Antisemitism in Education Resources

Introduction

This document is to provide you with information about historical and contemporary antisemitism, as well as how to combat its manifestations in the education system and society. Please review the definitions of antisemitism, and explore the books, videos, and links to additional resources. The resources provided will help you learn more about the [ancient and ongoing hatred of the Jewish people](#) and helpful antidotes to actively resist it.

Defining Antisemitism

It is important to familiarize yourself with extant understandings and working definitions of *antisemitism*. These definitions are often the consensus of a set of given perspectives and can evolve with time and context. The resources below have additional information on some of the most respected contemporary definitions and understandings of *antisemitism*.

International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)

The IHRA's Committee on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial worked to build international consensus around a [non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism](#), which was subsequently adopted by the Plenary. By doing so, the IHRA set an example of responsible conduct for other international fora and provided an important tool with practical applicability for its Member Countries.

Jewish Federation Community Statement on Antisemitism

The Puget Sound Jewish Communities developed [a Jewish Community Statement based on the IHRA definition](#) and it was approved by 45+ local organizations.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

The [Anti-Defamation League \(ADL\) antisemitism definition](#) is on their "Education Glossary Terms" site.

Books on Antisemitism

Below are two highly recommended reads on contemporary antisemitism:

- [Antisemitism: Here and Now, by Deborah Lipstadt](#)
 - The award-winning author of *The Eichmann Trial and Denial: Holocaust History on Trial* gives us a penetrating and provocative analysis of the hate that will not die, focusing on its current, virulent incarnations on both the political right and



left: from white supremacist demonstrators in Charlottesville, Virginia, to mainstream enablers of antisemitism such as Donald Trump and Jeremy Corbyn, to a gay pride march in Chicago that expelled a group of women for carrying a Star of David banner.

- [How to Combat Anti-Semitism, by Bari Weiss](#)
 - How to Fight Anti-Semitism, written by journalist Bari Weiss, explores the history and current manifestations of antisemitism and attempts to provide strategies to oppose it.

Resources from Echoes and Reflections

Please, access the below links for lessons, videos, readings, and resources for teachers and learners. Additional resources can be found on this [document](#). They are curated by [Echoes and Reflections](#), an educational organization which unites the efforts of the [Anti-Defamation League \(ADL\)](#), [USC Shoah Foundation](#), and [Yad Vashem](#).

- [ADL: Antisemitism Uncovered](#)
- [Library of Congress: Haven to Home](#)
- [Yad Vashem Antisemitism After the Holocaust](#)
- [Echoes & Reflections Pyramid of Hate](#)
- [Yad Vashem: The Nature of Antisemitism](#)
- [Antisemitism Over Time](#)
- [ADL Hate Symbols database](#)
- [Antisemitism and the 3Ds Worksheet](#)

Resources from the Holocaust Center for Humanity

Additionally, please below find resources from [the Holocaust Center for Humanity](#). Through education, events, field trips, museum visits, and community programs, the Holocaust Center for Humanity remains dedicated to its responsibility to fight hate by educating students, teachers, and the general public about the dangers of intolerance and the difference each one of us can make.

Teaching and Learning Best Practices

[Washington State law](#) requires that beginning September 1, 2020, middle schools, junior high schools, and high schools that offer Holocaust instruction must follow [Best Practices](#). The Best Practices lessons here are not exclusive. There are countless other high quality lessons, but for reasons of brevity, we have made a selection to highlight.

Speakers Bureau

The mission of the [Speakers Bureau](#) is to provide a personal connection to the Holocaust for students of all ages, and show them a human face and story that listeners can reflect upon to confront bigotry and intolerance today. Hearing speakers give testimony helps students find

their own voice, and helps teach them to be responsible citizens in our community, our nation, and our world.

Survivor Encyclopedia

[The Survivor Encyclopedia](#) project features survivors and eye-witnesses who live or have lived in Washington State. These survivors, with their history and stories, have shaped our community, contributing to its richness and diversity. They challenge us to understand history through personal narrative - to see complex human beings behind the facts. Their stories inspire us to recognize human fragility and resilience and the difference that each one of us can make.

Educating for Change: Ensuring Holocaust Remembrance in WA-State

On April 15th, 2021, [the Holocaust Center for Humanity](#) partnered with [Akiva Erezim](#), System and School Improvement division at OSPI, to curate a presentation available to all Washington educators on Holocaust Education. Holocaust survivor [Peter Metzelaar](#) also provided testimony of his experiences. The presentation [Educating for Change: Ensuring Holocaust Remembrance in WA-State presentation](#) can be viewed on the OSPI YouTube channel.

- [Educating for Change in WA-State: Resources for Holocaust Remembrance](#)

Contacts

For more information on Holocaust/Genocide Education, email Paul Regelbrugge, Director of Education, Holocaust Center for Humanity at Paul@HolocaustCenterSeattle.org.

For more information on fighting antisemitism, bias, racism, hate, and violence, email the education team at ADL Pacific Northwest at PacNWEdu@adl.org.

For more information on this document and other efforts at OSPI to combat antisemitism, bias, racism, hate and violence please email Akiva Erezim, Program Specialist of Continuous Improvement, OSPI at akiva.erezim@k12.wa.us.