LESSON MAKER PRO

Define and Defend

Use history to test a definition of the Holocaust.

HIGH SCHOOL · SS24.HOS.1

SS24.HOS.1 "Defend the definition of the Holocaust as the planned and systematic state-sponsored persecution and murder of European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945.*"

NAME _____ **DATE** _____

OUR GROUND RULES Read together first

1 Use historical facts, not guesses.	**2** Listen without interrupting.
3 Do not invent disagreement or a change of mind.	**4** Leave a card unused if it does not fit.

HOW TO PLAY Teams of 3 or 4

1. Form a group of three or four and choose one TOPIC card.
2. Each person takes one ROLE card. With three people, share the fourth role by checking it together.
3. Shuffle two copies of the eight MOVE cards. Deal four cards to each person and set any extras aside.
4. Discuss the topic for eight minutes. Play a MOVE card when you genuinely use its sentence starter.
5. Stop when eight minutes end, even if cards remain. Check the reflection statements that are true for you.

AFTER THE ROUND Check what you did

- ☐ I explained why the definition names European Jews.
- ☐ I connected Nazi state policies to planned, systematic persecution.
- ☐ I explained why 1933 to 1945 or collaborators matter to the definition.
- ☐ I supported my view with a historical fact, whether or not my view changed.

Cut along the dashed lines

TOPIC CARDS · pick one per round

TOPIC

Beyond the Camps

How would you correct the claim that the Holocaust was only the killing of Jews in camps?

TOPIC

Jewish Focus

How can you keep European Jews at the center of the Holocaust's definition while recognizing that Nazis also persecuted and murdered other groups?

TOPIC

Shared Responsibility

Why does the definition name both Nazi Germany and its collaborators instead of blaming only a few Nazi leaders?

ROLE CARDS · one per player

ROLE

Time Keeper

Watch for claims that leave out persecution between 1933 and 1945.

ROLE

Focus Finder

Check that the group keeps European Jews at the center without denying harm to other groups.

ROLE

System Spotter

Listen for explanations of how Nazi state policies made the persecution planned and systematic.

ROLE

Partner Tracker

Check whether the group accounts for collaborators as well as Nazi Germany.

MOVE CARDS · deal 4 to each player

MOVE CARD

MARK TIME

"The years 1933 to 1945 matter because ____."

MOVE CARD

CENTER JEWS

"The definition needs to name European Jews because ____."

MOVE CARD

SHOW STATE

"I can tell this was state-sponsored because ____."

MOVE CARD

SHOW PATTERN

"Calling it planned and systematic matters because ____."

MOVE CARD

FIND OMISSION

"Saying only ____ would leave out ____."

MOVE CARD

DRAW BOUNDARY

"We can recognize other Nazi victims while keeping the Holocaust's focus on European Jews by ____."

MOVE CARD

TRACE PARTNERS

"Nazi Germany and its collaborators both belong in this definition because ____."

MOVE CARD

STATE OUTCOME

"Our views match or differ on ____; my view stayed the same or changed because ____."

Cards last longer on thick paper.

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RUNNING THE ROUNDS

Use the eight-minute limit for each round, then switch topics and roles if time permits. Do not require every card to be played or every student to change a position. If participation is uneven, invite quieter students to use a relevant card, but allow them to pass rather than make an unsupported claim.

WHAT A STRONG ROUND SOUNDS LIKE

Maya	The years 1933 to 1945 matter because Nazi persecution of Jews began before the mass murder.
Luis	I can tell this was state-sponsored because Nazi laws stripped Jews of rights.
Ari	Saying only killings in camps would leave out mass shootings of Jews outside camps and earlier persecution.
Nia	Nazi Germany and its collaborators both belong in this definition because collaborators helped identify, deport, and murder Jews.
Maya	Our views match on why the camp-only claim is too narrow; my view stayed the same because Nazi laws and mass shootings show persecution and murder beyond camps.

LISTEN FOR

- European Jews remain central to the definition, without denying other Nazi victims.
- Specific links between Nazi state policies and planned, systematic persecution.
- Accurate use of 1933 to 1945, including persecution before mass murder.
- A correction of a narrow claim using facts about collaborators or murder outside camps.

There are no right answers to the topic cards. Score the moves students make, not their opinions.