The Holocaust through Eye Witnesses

World History

**Instructions:** In order to provide another perspective on the Holocaust we are going to examine eye witness testimonies from survivors, liberators and bystanders. At your table groups (share one document with all table members) you are going to each select one of the below themes/categories from the video histories on IWitness and watch 4-5 videos. As you watch the videos, complete the summary for your category.

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| Group Member | Theme/Category | Videos Watched | Observations about the experience of the Holocaust |
|  | Auschwitz |  |  |
|  | Camps (Labor/Concentration) |  |  |
|  | Selection |  |  |
|  | Survival |  |  |
|  | Liberation |  |  |

**Discussion Questions**

1. What similarities did you notice within your theme? Across the themes?
2. What is the value of oral histories as historical sources? What limitations do they present?
3. Why is it important for the Shoah Foundation to record and preserve these eye witness accounts?
4. What role does the Shoah Foundation( and other historians) play in shaping the narrative of the Holocaust?