U.S. History Video Guide: Auschwitz: If you cried, you died

Mike Vogel and David Mandel were both survivors of the Holocaust during World War II. They participated in the making of this film because of their sincere belief that the human heart is capable of both great and terrible things. This belief informed their desire to bring awareness to as many people as possible. This film is part of their story.

- 1. According to the film, when was the best time to stop the Holocaust?
- 2. Why is it important to study the Holocaust today?
- 3. Describe the experience that Mike or David relate that touched you the most. Why do you think this particular event was meaningful to you?

4. Name some of the groups that were targeted by the Nazis. What are some of the groups that are targeted today?

5. In what ways [shown in the film or learned about earlier] did the Nazis dehumanize their victims?

6. Why do you think the Nazis have the sign ARBEIT MACHT FREI at the entrance to Auschwitz?

- 7. What does the film caution us about with respect to silently tolerating prejudice?
- 8. How can each of us work to prevent violence due to prejudice?