

The Power of One

Adolf Hitler was the cruel mastermind of the Holocaust. He ordered the death of six million Jews, of which 1,500,000 were children. The real question is: How did one man get so much power? The answer is: because of propaganda. What did this situation have to do with propaganda? Adolf Hitler virtually brain-washed all the Germans into thinking that Jews were responsible for Germany's economic downfall. He also said he could help raise their economy and make Germany an extremely strong country. All the Germans believed in him and so he got elected and received total power. Hitler put together a corrupt and powerful army called the S.S. with generals who followed Hitler's orders to the letter. The result of this was death by gas chambers, concentration camps, hangings, starvation, infestation of diseases and shootings.

We read Hana's Suitcase, the story of one true Holocaust victim. Hana and George's parents were first taken away by Germans. In the mean while, Hana and George were staying at their aunt and uncle's house. Soon after, Hana and her brother George were captured and sent to a concentration camp. Hana got killed in Auschwitz inside a gas chamber and her brother George survived because he was needed to work for Germans. We received a replica of Hana's suitcase from the Holocaust museum. We were overwhelmed with sorrow because we couldn't imagine how terrified and alone Hana must have felt.

We enjoyed being informed about the Holocaust and we are happy we got to learn about such a tragic part of history. Her story really touched us and we really hope that something like this never happens again. We also learned that if someone is getting bullied and you see it, it's up to you to say something and stop it.

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