

Unit/Learning Segment: World War II and the Holocaust - Lesson 3 (Grades 8-11)

Topic: The role of the Italian people in saving Jews during the Holocaust - Part II Assisi Underground

Aim: To what extent were the efforts of the Assisi Underground successful in saving Jews during the Holocaust?

Prerequisite Knowledge: General knowledge of World War II and Hitler's goal for world domination and the extermination of the Jewish race.

Educational Standards:

NYS Standards

Standard 2 - World History

Standard 3 - Geography

Standard 5 - Civics/Citizenship/Government

NCSS Standards:

III - People/Places/Environments

V - Individuals/Groups/Institutions

VI - Power/Authority/Governance

X - Civic/Ideals/Practices

Common Core Standards:

R1 - Cite textual evidence to support conclusions

R4 - Determine meanings, including use of key terms

R7 - Use of multiple sources of information (research data)

W4 - Produce clear and coherent writing

W9 - Use evidence from informational texts to analyze and reflect on research

L1- Demonstrate command of standard English

L2 - Demonstrate command of conventions (capitalization, punctuation, spelling)

Student Objectives: (Students will be able to - SWBAT)

1. Determine the meaning of key terms and analyze the **Assisi Underground common core close reading**
2. Produce a clear and concise essay using evidence from the reading

Materials Needed:

1. Common Core Close Reading - **The Assisi Underground** with accompanying key vocabulary, guided reading questions and essay assessment.

Information/Content:

During the German occupation, the town of Assisi under the direction of Bishop Nicolini and Father Brunacci established a rescue operation to save Jews. Churches, monasteries, and convents became the safe haven for people fleeing deportation to the death camps.

Developmental Activity and Procedures:

Read the common core reading **The Assisi Underground**. Define key vocabulary words and answer the guide questions.

Concluding Activity:

Using evidence from the reading, write a response to the following: To what extent was the Assisi Underground's role in the resistance movement in Italy successful?