

## Teacher Checklist: Holocaust Reflection Contest

### Bring Holocaust Survivor Testimonies into Your Classroom

- ☐ Introduce students to Holocaust survivor testimonies to help them understand the **human experience** of the Holocaust
- ☐ Have each student choose **one survivor story** that resonates with them. Family testimonies of Holocaust survival are also acceptable
- ☐ Ask students to **record the survivor's name** and, if applicable, the **URL** of the online testimony they chose. This information is required for the student's contest application

### Explore the Lessons Shared by Holocaust Survivors

- ☐ Guide students in identifying meaningful themes, such as:
  - Perseverance
  - Compassion
  - Kindness
  - The strength of the human spirit in helping others
  - The dangers of hatred and prejudice
- ☐ Encourage personal reflection:
  - How can the survivor's experience influence students' own thinking, values, and choices?
  - How do these lessons apply to today's diverse and modern world?
- ☐ Instruct students to create **original projects** in one of the contest categories:
  - **Written Expression:** Essay or poem
  - **Digital Media:** Video or automated presentation
  - **Visual Art:** Artwork
- ☐ Remind students their projects should clearly convey:
  - What they learned about themselves
  - How studying the Holocaust helps them understand society today
- ☐ Encourage students to avoid **clichéd images** and **purely factual retellings**. Instead, they should focus on **personal, thoughtful reflections** inspired by survivor testimonies
- ☐ Provide **constructive feedback** as students draft, revise, and finalize their projects

### Help Students Prepare to Enter the Contest

- ☐ Make sure students **remove all personal identifiers** (name, school name, email) from the project itself
- ☐ Have students **proofread** their work for grammar, spelling, and clarity before submission
- ☐ Assist students with the **online contest application**. They'll need:
  - Your **first and last name**
  - Your **email address\***
  - The **name and type** of their school (public, private, or charter)
- ☐ Encourage students to double-check all spelling on their application, including:
  - Their name
  - The school's name
  - Your name and email address
  - Their email address

 **Reminder:** The contest application does **not accept Hotmail email addresses**.

- ☐ Help students upload their project files using the **online submission form**

Projects must be submitted from a **computer**, not a smartphone or tablet

The application is **not compatible** with mobile devices