**Never Again: The Nazi Holocaust**

**Context / Target Audience:**

I have been an interested learner about the Holocaust since I was 11 and in my 7th grade English class. Though it seems like a strange class to be learning about the Holocaust, my teacher was the wife of a Rabbi and Holocaust survivor. She spoke about his experiences to the class (it was probably the first time that I’d ever heard about the Holocaust), and I was completely shaken. I had to learn more. Ever since that time, I have been learning more about it. My bookshelves are filled with “depressing” (as my significant other says) Holocaust books. When I was in Seminary at Boston University, I was afforded the option to take a course titled “Music of the Holocaust,” taught by a Russian Jew, and most significantly (to me), allowed to audit an Ethics class taught by Noble-laureate, author, and Holocaust survivor, Elie Wiesel.

When I became a teacher, I asked my (now ex) wife, since she is from Poland, how and when did the Polish schoolchildren learn about the Holocaust. She replied that it was in grade 4 (the equivalent of the American 3rd Grade). I felt empowered. I had the availability, curricular support, time, and the children that could appropriately learn about this period of time. So, I decided that my best course of action was to introduce the topic slowly, and through inquiry-based learning. I started by showing my students (3rd and 4th graders) “The Sound of Music”. By the end of the movie, they were asking questions that led directly into discussions about the Nazis. Why were the Von Trapps so scared? Why did they leave Austria? Why did the Captain feel like they were losing their homeland (Edelweiss)?

My target audience is still my 3rd and 4th grade students. According to my principal, I am the only teacher that will cover the state standards on the topic in a more than cosmetic way. So I would also like to extend my audience to include the teachers at my school.

**Instructional Objective / Purpose:**

The purpose of this video is to provide a brief overview of the Nazi regime and the atrocities they committed, especially what has become known as the Holocaust. I would like this video to serve as an introduction to the difficult topics and conversations about the historical time period.

**Technical Notes:**

I will be using a combination of multimedia software in the completion of this project. I will use Audacity to record my narration, as well as to layer the music that I select under the narration. I will use Picasa to edit and crop photos, and to apply a black and white filter to the images. I will use iMovie to put together the entire project and export it into a .mov and upload to YouTube.