

Unit Title: **Rescue**

Essential Questions for the Unit:

1. Why did the world fail to respond effectively to the Jewish refugee crisis of the 1930's?
2. Why did the world largely fail to engage in significant rescue efforts to save European Jews from extreme persecution and genocide during the war years?
3. How did the world's response to the plight of Jews impact the attitudes and policies of Nazi Germany over time?
4. How do political, social, and economic considerations impact the decisions of nations regarding whether to engage in rescue?
5. How do individuals decide whether to engage in rescue?
6. What are the barriers to rescue? How and why are some people able to overcome these barriers while others are not?
7. How did rescue initiated from within German-held territory differ from that initiated from outside?