

Unit Title: **Rescue**

Common Misperceptions:

Students may believe that:

1. Most people in Germany and German-occupied Europe sympathized with Jews and wished to engage in rescue.
2. The consequences of being caught helping Jews were uniformly deadly throughout all areas held by Nazi Germany.
3. Hiding Jews was the only form of rescue.
4. The prevalence of rescue was similar from country to country throughout German-occupied Europe.
5. The heroic traits of rescuers are inborn, not developed.
6. Antisemitism was so intense in Europe that there were almost no rescuers to be found anywhere.
7. People who received acts of rescue were mostly passive victims.
8. Jewish people were never rescuers themselves.
9. Most rescuers actively sought out opportunities to begin rescue activities.
10. Nazis and others who were antisemitic never became rescuers.