

Unit Title: **The Aftermath**

Essential Questions for the Unit:

1. Why did Nazi Germany continue to commit the crimes of the Holocaust to the last possible moment, even as it was going down to final defeat?
2. Who was responsible for the Holocaust?
3. How is justice be achieved for crimes as enormous as the Holocaust?
4. Is it possible to offer compensation and restitution to Holocaust survivors? If so, how should this be done?
5. How have survivors attempted and managed to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of the Holocaust? How do survivors of other crimes and tragedies do this?
6. How has the world attempted to prevent human rights abuses and genocide from happening in the aftermath of the Holocaust era?
7. Why are stereotyping, racism, and discrimination such persistent forces in the world?
8. How has knowledge and memory of the Holocaust shaped the post-World War II world?
9. How does the Holocaust help us to understand problems in the modern world?
10. How should we define our own personal responsibility for remembering and responding to the Holocaust?