The New Order in Europe

The German conquest of continental Europe forced millions of native peoples to work for the Nazi war machine.
The New Order in Europe (cont.)

• By 1942, the Nazi regime stretched across continental Europe from the English Channel in the west to the outskirts of Moscow on the east.

• Soon after the conquest of Poland, Hitler began implementing his plans for an Aryan racial empire by resettling one million Poles to Southern Poland.
The New Order in Europe (cont.)

- **Heinrich Himmler’s** task was to replace the Slavic people, Czechs, Poles, Serbo-Croatians, Slovenes and Ukrainians, with hundreds of thousands of *ethnic* Germans.

- Hitler envisioned using the Poles, Ukrainians, and Russians in the Soviet Union as slave labor for his social engineering projects.
In 1944 20 percent of Germany’s labor force consisted of European workers, while another seven million people were forced to work on Nazi farms, industries, and in military camps.
The Holocaust

**MAIN IDEA**

Adolf Hitler’s philosophy of Aryan superiority led to the Holocaust.
The Holocaust (cont.)

• According to Hitler’s theory, the Jews were trying to destroy the Aryans, who were the creators of human cultural development.

• Hitler, Himmler, and the SS believed the Final Solution to the Jewish problem was genocide (physical extermination) of the Jewish people.
Jewish Population in Europe before and after World War II

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*Total includes other countries.

Source: U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Legend:
- Concentration camp
- Death camp
- Location of Einsatzgruppen
- European boundaries, January 1938
The Holocaust (cont.)

• **Reinhard Heydrich** created special strike forces, *Einsatzgruppen*, to round up the Jews and put them in ghettos, hoping they would starve.

• In 1941 the *Einsatzgruppen* became mobile killing units who rounded up Jews, killed them, and buried them in mass graves.
The Holocaust (cont.)

• Eventually, European Jews were sent to one of six extermination centers, such as *Auschwitz*, where they were worked to death, starved, or sent to the gas chambers.

• The Death Toll
  – 6 million Jews
  – 90 percent of the Jewish populations of Poland, the Baltic countries, and Germany
  – 9 to 10 million non-Jewish people
The Holocaust (cont.)

– 40 percent of Europe’s one million Roma (Gypsies)

– 4 million Poles, Ukrainians, and Belorussians

– 3 to 4 million Soviet prisoners of war
The Holocaust (cont.)

• This mass slaughter of European Jews is known as the Holocaust.

• Incredibly, Denmark managed to save almost its entire Jewish population.
The Holocaust (cont.)

- Some people believed the death camp accounts to be greatly exaggerated or pretended not to notice what was happening. Some, known as collaborators, even helped the Nazis hunt down the Jews.

- Children were also victims of World War II. Often, women and children were the first to be sent to the gas chambers.

- Many children were evacuated from cities during the war to avoid the bombing, sometimes never to see their parents again.
The New Order in Asia

The Japanese conquest of Southeast Asia forced millions of native peoples to work for the Japanese war machine.
The New Order in Asia (cont.)

• Japan colonized Southeast Asia to obtain natural resources and develop a market for its manufactured goods.

• The Japanese recruited the native peoples to serve in local military units or in public works projects and had little respect for their lives.
The New Order in Asia (cont.)

- To help with their war effort, the Japanese military used labor forces composed of both prisoners of war and local peoples.

- In Vietnam, more than a million people starved when the Japanese took their rice and sold it abroad.
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