

Guiding Question:

How does one create and maintain a successful state?**Part I: Concept Development**

Use your phones and/or the dictionaries on the bookshelf (near the iPads) to write definitions for the following concepts.

RACISM	ETHNOCENTRISM
SCAPEGOAT	GENOCIDE

Part II: Source Reading

Read and annotate the following lyrics of the song "Never Again" by Remedy and the Wu-Tang Clan.

<p><i>[man praying in Hebrew during intro]</i></p> <p>Feel this, To all those races, colors, and creeds, every man bleeds for the countless victims and all the families of the murdered, tortured and enslaved, raped, robbed and persecuted. Never Again. To the men, women, and children who died in their struggle to survive, never to be forgotten: <i>Reuven Ben Menachum, yo.</i></p> <p>Yo, my own blood, dragged through the mud, perished in my heart still cherished and loved, stripped of our pride, everything we lived for, families cried, there's no where to run to, no where to hide, tossed to the side, access denied, 6 million died for what?</p> <p>Yo, a man shot dead in his back; helpless women and children under constant attack for no reason, till the next season, and we still bleeding. Yo, it's freezing. And men burn in hell, some for squeezing. No hope for a remedy, nothing to believe. Moving targets who walk with the star on their sleeve, forever marked with a number, tattooed to your body.</p> <p>Late night, eyes closed, clutched to my shotty, having visions -- flashes of death camps and prisons, no provisions, deceived by the devil's decisions; forced into a slave, death before dishonor for those men who were brave, shot and sent to their grave. Can't awaken, it's too late; everything's been taken; I'm shaken, family, history, the making...</p>	<p><i>Never again shall we march like sheep to the slaughter. Never again shall we sit and take orders. Stripped of our culture, robbed of our name, raped of our freedom and thrown into the flames; forced from our families, taken from our homes, moved from our God then burned of our bones. Never again. Never again shall we march like sheep to the slaughter, leave our sons and daughters; stripped of our culture, robbed of our name, raped of our freedom and thrown into the flames; forced from our families, taken from our homes, moved from our God and everything we own.</i></p> <p>Some fled through rumors of wars but most left were dead. Few escaped to the shores with just one loaf of bread, banished, in holding for questioning and vanished, never to be seen again. I can't express the pain that was felt in the train to Auschwitz. Tears poured down like rain. Naked, face to face with the master race hatred; blood and David. My heart belongs to God, and stay sacred.</p> <p>Rabbi's and priests, disabled individuals, the poor, the scholars -- all labeled common criminals. Mass extermination, total annihilation, shipped into the ghetto and prepared for liquidation; tortured and starved, innocent experiments stripped down and carved up or gassed to death. The last hour I smelled the flowers, flashbacks of family, then sent to the showers. Powerless, undressed, women with babies clamped tight to their chest. Crying, who would've guessed -- dying, another life lost, count the cost, another body gas-burned and tossed in the holocaust.</p>
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Part III: *Literary Analysis*

Complete the tasks present in the boxes below.

<p>List and define terms, concepts, or vocabulary words that you are unfamiliar with.</p>	<p>Connection to English classes: Identify rhetorical devices used by Remedy in this song. (Give examples.)</p>
<p>Write the author's central claim. (What central idea or lesson does Remedy want listeners to walk away from this song with?)</p>	<p>Make 5 inferences (predictions or conclusions about the Holocaust and/or its impact on the author; or generalizations about genocide).</p>

Part IV: *Inquiries*

Write 3 questions – *questions you want to know the answers to* – as we begin our unit on the Holocaust.