

“THE ONE”



As you meet survivors during your study of the “Final Solution,” apply the words from “Hunger Camp at Jaslo” about recognizing “the one” rather than the statistic or the masses. The poet wrote about “skeletons” or those who were murdered. Those who survived the Holocaust were the exception – approximately 6 million of Europe’s 9.5 million Jews were killed.

Throughout this unit, record details about each individual – “the one” – that help us to see them and understand their individual stories. Choose 2-3 of the questions below to focus on for each person you encounter.

1. What was their name? What aspects of their identity or other personal details did you learn?
2. What family members and relationships were central to their lives?
3. What people, memories, or objects were important to them?
4. What experiences or struggles did they endure?
5. How did they help or were they helped by others?
6. What feelings and perspectives did they express?
7. How did they cope with their situation, resist oppression, or attempt to maintain their humanity?

DISCUSSION NOTES: