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What depictions of the Holocaust are you familiar with?

- The Holocaust is an event that I have honestly disregarded until it gets brought up within a conversation or even an assignment such as this. With that being said, I am with full conviction, forgetting that this was part of our world history, less than a hundred years ago! Understanding that the Holocaust began due to Hitler being raised to power, the German people were with him in making their country great again. Now I am not aware of how quickly Hitler rose to power but my understanding concludes that the Jewish community was beginning to be forced out of their homes. Away from their land, blamed, and persecuted for being the blame of Germany's economic crisis. Being within these camps which caused immense pain and suffering and mass genocide to the Jews, brought a lot of terror and fear to the people before it was eventually over.

Who projects them?

- The public schools within New York City have taught us about these horrific events within the elementary grade because of its importance to society. Educating us on how the first world war has led to this second one not that much longer afterward! Not only do we learn of this piece of history, but we also learn it through the stories and especially through the primary sources such as Holocaust survivors, Anne Frank's diary, and other first-hand records that have shaped how we have understood and even projected the history itself.

Why do they do so? - what propositions about identity and meaning of the world do images of the Holocaust attempt to create?

- I believe the public schools of New York City have brought to our young generation's attention the importance of learning about the Holocaust so that we can educate one another in learning to love, appreciate, and understand our community, our world, and our future! The images that the Holocaust attempt to create, bring out the importance of how power in the wrong hands can lead to a lot of destruction to our societies and the world itself.

What conditions in today's world make for the continued resonance of such images?

- It's interesting to see how the world continues to repeat its history. From a Biblical perspective, the Jews within Egypt had fled from Pharaoh's reign and wandered into the wilderness by a pillar of cloud and fire. While circumstances are rather drastically different during the Holocaust, we can come to terms with an understanding that it brings out a reflection of our past. These issues are still happening today in our societies. With a primary focus on racial reconciliation within this season of my life, it is safe to say that God has been moving through these issues that have caused a lot of pain and suffering to the ethnic groups such as the black and colored community. People within power begin to feel threatened by their loss of power and become aggressive toward the attempts of reconciliation while also bringing a lot of hurt to the communities who are attempting to do just that.