

# Docent Training Handout

## Brief Holocaust Timeline

**January 30, 1933:** Adolf Hitler appointed Chancellor

**March 20, 1933:** Dachau concentration camp opened

**April 1, 1933:** Boycott of Jewish-owned shops and businesses in Germany.

**September 15, 1935:** Nuremberg Race Laws.

**November 9/10, 1938:** Kristallnacht (nationwide pogrom in Germany).

**September 1, 1939:** Germany invades Poland, starting World War II in Europe.

**June 22, 1941:** Germany invades the Soviet Union.

**September 28-29, 1941:** Einsatzgruppen shoot about 34,000 Jews at Babi Yar, outside Kiev.

**December 7, 1941:** Japan bombs Pearl Harbor and the United States declares war the next day.

**January 16, 1942:** Germans begin the deportation of more than 65,000 Jews from Lodz

**March 27, 1942:** Germans begin the deportation of more than 65,000 Jews from Drancy, outside Paris, to the east (primarily to Auschwitz).

**July 15, 1942:** Germans begin mass deportations of nearly 100,000 Jews from the occupied Netherlands to the east (primarily to Auschwitz).

**July 22, 1942:** Germans begin the mass deportation of over 300,000 Jews from the Warsaw ghetto to the Treblinka killing center.

**April 19, 1943:** Warsaw ghetto uprising begins.

**January 18, 1945:** Death march of nearly 60,000 prisoners from the Auschwitz camp system in southern Poland.

**January 27, 1945:** Soviet troops liberate the Auschwitz camp complex.

**April 29, 1945:** American forces liberate the Dachau concentration camp.

**April 30, 1945:** Adolf Hitler commits suicide.

**May 7, 1945:** Germany surrenders to the western Allies.

**May 9, 1945:** Germany surrenders to the Soviets.

**Timeline adapted from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum:**

<https://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10007653>

## **Brief Peoria Holocaust Memorial Timeline**

**2001:** The Peoria Holocaust Memorial Button Project is begun

**November 2001:** First million buttons collected and counted

Buttons contributed from 48 states & 3 countries

**April 2002:** The 6 million buttons representing the 6 million Jews killed are counted

**June 2002:** The 5 million buttons representing the enemies of the state killed are counted

**2003:** Original Memorial is dedicated at the Shoppes at Grand Prairie

**2014:** Problems with the Memorial and changes at the site require its removal

More than 168,000 people per year visited the Memorial at its original location

**2014 – 2017:** Buttons are sorted and washed, new memorial designed & funds raised for its rebirth

**May 5, 2016:** Announcement of the Memorial's new location at the Peoria Riverfront Museum

**February 20, 2017:** Button sorting is completed

**February 26, 2017:** Groundbreaking at the new site

**April 23, 2017:** New Peoria Holocaust Memorial is dedicated at the Peoria Riverfront Museum