



## Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center Digital Engagement Guide

*Ensuring the lessons of the Holocaust inspire action today.*

Located at Cincinnati's historic Union Terminal, the site where numerous Holocaust survivors arrived to rebuild their lives, the Holocaust & Humanity Center (HHC) uses local connections to highlight the strength and courage of the human spirit in the face of one of the darkest chapters in human history.

This guide was created to help you navigate HHC's digital offerings to learn about the stories of survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust, discover the Greater Cincinnati region's direct connection to the Holocaust and World War II, and to ensure the lessons of the Holocaust inspire action today.



## The Museum

### Visit the Museum

Visit the HHC website at [holocaustandhumanity.org](https://holocaustandhumanity.org) to view museum hours, ticketing procedures, and safety protocols. Groups of (no more than) 10 people can be accommodated every 15 minutes.

### Virtual Tours

HHC has developed a variety of virtual experiences for students to connect with the Museum. Book a virtual or live stream tour, create your own experience, or inquire about in-person field trips. [Click here](#) to view a 360-degree tour online. Visit the [Virtual Offerings](#) page for more information.

### Extra Credit

Looking for ways to engage students in the history of the Holocaust and have them earn extra credit? HHC has free activities they can use on a virtual or in-person tour of the museum. Contact Jodi Elowitz at [Jelowitz@cincyhhc.org](mailto:Jelowitz@cincyhhc.org) for more information.

### Engage via Social Media and HHC's Blog

HHC is posting testimony clips, artifact of the week highlights, and more on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Keep up to date on the latest [NEWS & NOTES](#) by visiting HHC's Blog.



## Speakers & Testimony

### Holocaust Speaker Series

On Wednesdays at 11:00 AM, the Holocaust Speaker Series is online, featuring Holocaust survivors and descendants of survivors presenting stories of life before, during, and after the Holocaust. Visit the [HHC Events Calendar](#) for information about upcoming speakers.

*The Holocaust Speaker Series is sponsored by Margaret and Michael Valentine.*

### Book a Speaker for Your Classroom or Group

HHC's Coppel Speakers Bureau provides Holocaust survivors, descendants of survivors, and other experts a forum to share their stories. We are now booking speakers virtually. Learn more and book a speaker on our [website here](#).

### Survivor Testimony

There are full length (segmented) local Holocaust survivor testimonies available online through the [U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum](#). The videos were created for 1991's Project Eternity. A full list with links to the videos can also be [found here](#). The following testimonies are available in their entirety or clips by registering (for free) through [iWitness USC Shoah Foundation](#): Werner Coppel, Alfred Gottschalk, Henry Meyer, Alfred Wolf, and Edith Carter. The site also has activities and lessons for students using video testimony.



## Special Programs & Workshops

### Carrying the Stories Forward Writing Contest

HHC invites students in grades 7-12 to participate in this special 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary writing contest. Students will research a survivor and answer questions about what we can learn from Holocaust survivor testimony and how they will carry the stories forward, responding via essay or poem. For more information on the contest please [visit our website](#).

## Jacob G. Schmidlapp Bystander to Upstander Youth Leadership Day

HHC invites students in grades seven and eight and their educators to participate in this year's digital Youth Leadership Day. Through interactive online sessions, students will engage in dialogue with participants from across the Tri-State, consider the role of history in inspiring action today, and gain leadership skills that they can use to affect positive change. Educators are invited to nominate up to six students to participate in this year's program. [Learn more here.](#)

## Educator Workshops

HHC conducts workshops throughout the year to help educators gain a deeper knowledge of various aspects of Holocaust and Humanity-based education. For more information about educator workshops [click here](#). We also offer the [Roma & Sam Kaltman Holocaust Studies for Educators](#) every summer. Contact hours available.



# Resources & Lessons

## Overview of the Holocaust

Students can view a brief overview of the Holocaust with these videos: [Echoing Voices Introductory Video](#) (Holocaust & Humanity Center) and [The Path to Nazi Genocide](#) (U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum).

## Biography Activity

Assign students the biography of a local survivor and have them use the activity sheet to explore various aspects of the history they experienced. Have students look for that person in the exhibit or explore the historical components of that person's experience. [Activity](#) and [Biographies](#). Extend the activity to have students create a timeline with the local biographies or the ones from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's [Timeline Activity](#).

## Digital Echoing Voices: History Unpacked

With Echoing Voices: History Unpacked, students unpack the story of a local eyewitness, creating a human connection with the past. Digital files include video testimony, photos, and links to the historic events and places the survivor experienced. Suggested activities are also included to assist educators in integrating Echoing Voices into their existing curriculum. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Other Online Resources

HHC partners with many Holocaust institutions and organizations. These organizations provide a wealth of information, lessons, and other resources: [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#), [Yad Vashem](#), [Jewish Foundation for the Righteous](#), [USC Shoah Foundation](#), [Facing History and Ourselves](#), and [Echoes & Reflections](#).



# Humanity & Character Strengths

## Humanity

In the museum, the Humanity Gallery helps us explore how we can be the best of humanity today. HHC does this through the lens of character strengths, featuring individuals who used their inherent strengths to rise to challenges we face now.

## Character Strengths

Character Strengths are the positive parts of your personality that impact how you think, feel, and behave. Scientists have identified [24 character strengths](#) that we each have the capacity to activate. Have students complete the [VIA Character Survey](#) to identify their signature strengths.

## Upstander Activities and Workshops

*What does it mean to be an upstander and who can be one? How can we use our 24 character strengths to become upstanders to make change in our world today?*

We have interactive, digital Choice Board activities that can be used to engage students in considering how they can become upstanders and activate their characters strengths.

The Leadership through Strength Mapping activity, created by Mayerson Academy and HHC, encourages students to activate their character strengths to enhance their leadership skills. This activity and Zoom session prompt students to think about what they can do to strengthen their leadership by delving into their top five strengths and then applying them to relational and situational roles.

You can also engage your students with HHC's [Cincy Upstander Project](#), which features murals throughout the Cincinnati area and associated programming.

Contact Sarah Schneider at [sschneider@cincyhhc.org](mailto:sschneider@cincyhhc.org) to learn more about upstander activities and workshops.

## Reading Activities

Read inspiring books with youth in your life and explore themes of inclusion, diversity, and community with these reading activities. The activities encourage us to be the best of humanity today and activate our character strengths to make a difference. [Click here](#) to view the activities.

## Information

Please contact Jodi Elowitz, Director of Education & Engagement, with any questions or requests for other resources, at: [Jelowitz@cincyhhc.org](mailto:Jelowitz@cincyhhc.org).