

What She Lost: The Story of Sala Waldman Werthaiser

Interactive Extension Activity

Overview

Follow [Melissa Hunter](#), the granddaughter of local Holocaust survivor Sala Waldman Werthaiser and author of *What She Lost*, on a tour of the museum as she tells her grandmother's impactful story. A captivating storyteller, Melissa traces her grandmother's life from Sala's childhood in Olkusz, Poland to her harrowing experiences in the camps to finally rebuilding her life in Cincinnati.

The recorded tour features museum exhibits that connect to Sala's story as well as clips of Sala sharing her experiences. The tour can be shown in segments or in its full length. Included is a [PowerPoint](#) with video links and accompanying guiding questions.

Text

Hunter, Melissa W. *What She Lost*. Cennan Books, 2019.

Implementation Suggestions

This activity can be done in conjunction with reading *What She Lost*, or as a stand-alone activity to help students make local connections to this complex history. We have included excerpts of the book below that can be used with the activity. Provided with the book excerpts, students could evaluate similarities/differences between the fictional accounts in the novel and the video testimony in the activity.

Slide 3 – Life Before the War: [Chapter 1, pgs. 1-10](#)

Slide 4 – World War II: [Chapter 8, pgs. 53 & 54](#) and [Chapter 12, pgs. 78-81](#)

Slide 5 – Olkusz Ghetto: [Chapter 14, pgs. 92 & 93](#), [Chapter 15, pg. 98](#) and [Chapter 17, pgs. 109-112](#)

Slide 6 – Deportation: [Chapter 21, pgs. 134 & 135](#) and [Chapter 22, pg. 138](#)

Slide 7 – Concentration Camps: [Chapter 44, pgs. 271-272](#)

Slide 8 – Liberation & Aftermath: [Chapter 24, pgs. 160-161](#), [Chapter 34, pgs. 215-216](#) and [Chapter 46, pgs. 283 & 284](#)

The Recording

This link is also embedded in the PDF: <https://vimeo.com/580275761/cb1e2e34b2>

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