

How did Jews resist?

Warm Up:

1. How would you define resistance? Provide two examples of resistance.
2. What do you know about Jewish resistance? Explain.
3. Respond to the two quotes by Holocaust survivors Elie Wiesel and Werner Coppel. What do these quotes tell you about Jewish resistance? Record at least 2 takeaways.

Brainstorm:

1. What is needed to resist?
2. What obstacles to resistance did Jews face?

Mordechai Anielewicz Letter: Read the letter by resistance fighter Mordechai Anielewicz and answer the questions below:

1. Who wrote the letter and what was his role?
2. When was the letter written? What was happening at the time?
3. What evidence can you find that Anielewicz knows that most involved in the uprising will die?
4. Why do you think Anielewicz and the ZOB fighters resisted despite knowing they would ultimately fail?

Directions: Watch the testimonies of four local Holocaust survivors to answer today's central historical question: *How did Jews resist?* Before you watch each testimony, read the survivor's bio. You will use the bios and the testimonies to fill in the graphic organizer below:

Survivor Name	BIO: Record two things you learned from the survivor's bio.	TESTIMONY: According to this source, how did Jews resist?	Type of Resistance (Circle one)
1.			Armed Unarmed Spiritual Other:
2.			Armed Unarmed Spiritual Other:
3.			Armed Unarmed Spiritual Other:
4.			Armed Unarmed Spiritual Other:

Summary Question:

How did Jews resist? Write a claim and support it using three pieces of evidence and analysis from the bios and testimonies you explored.

Current-Day Connection: Resistance comes in many forms. Where do you see acts of resistance in the United States and around the world today? Do any of them connect to the examples of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust? What is a situation in the 21st century where you would feel it's important to resist?