**America and the Holocaust Video notes**

*Chapter 1*

1. What happened on November 9, 1938? What was the event design to do?

*Chapter 2*

1. What was passed in 1935? What did it do?
2. In response to Kristallnacht, what did the Klein family decide to do?
3. What was America’s response to Kristrallnacht?
4. Why was the door shut to immigration in 1938?
5. What was the Children’s Bill (Roger-Wagner Bill) designed to do? What was FDR’s decision? Who was eventually let in?

*Chapter 3*

1. How many organizations participated in the Anti-Semitism campaign? What was their message?
2. The men in the “old-line” agencies, such as the State Department (government agency in charge of foreign affairs), whose views did they reflect?

*Chapter 4*

1. Palestine is the ancestral homeland for Jews. Who was in control of Palestine? What was the “white paper” and how did it work?

*Chapter 5*

1. Herbert Katzki explains how a person would go about getting out of Vichy, France. What were the steps? What happened if you missed a step?
2. Summer of 1941 Hitler invades Russia. A secret film was shot; what does this film document?
3. By the end of 1941, how many Jews were killed? What was the name of the policy?

*Chapter 6*

1. It was made know by the summer of 1942 of the Nazi’s Final Solution. Once the U.S. government found out, what was their reaction?
2. November 1942, who was giving the U.S. government information about the Final Solution?
3. Steven Wise and other Jewish leaders give FDR detail accounts of the extermination camps. What is FDR’s reaction?
4. What does the State Department decide to do about the news reports of the extermination of the Jews?

Answer Key for Video

1. Kristallnacht “night of broken glass”; the night the campaign against German Jews turned violent; businesses, homes, temples destroyed; designed to drive the Jews out of Germany.
2. Nuremberg Laws: stripped Jews of jobs, position in schools and universities and citizenship; restricted their lives.
3. Leave for the U.S.; kids go first then parents
4. newspapers played up the story; American Jews organized large rallies in the hope that Washington would do more to condemn the Nazi’s
5. National Origin Act/Immigration Act o f 1924 (favored the British and Irish); many American’s wanted further restriction; Great Depression=competition for jobs; have America for Americans
6. To grant special sanctuary to 20,000 German Jewish kids outside the quotas system; severed as a witness to how Americans viewed Jews; FDR took no action=bill dies in committee; Another bill is passed that allows white British kids in
7. 100 various organization across the country; blamed the Jews for all the ills in America; Jews kill the U.S. financially
8. The conservative, superiority white, Northern European stock; reflected the Anti-alien sentiments of society; viewed the threat to the Jews as not life threatening, just wait it out.
9. Britain; allowed Jews until the 1930s then 15,000 per year for 5 years; had to keep peace with the Arabs because of oil
10. French visa (an exit visa), Spanish transit visa, Portuguese transit visa, American visa promised or stamped into your passport and a boat ticket; had to happen within a 4 month period; miss something, you had to start all over
11. The physical start of the genocide that would become known as the Holocaust
12. ½ million; Final Solution
13. dismissed it as a rumor that was started by Jewish fears; suppressed the information
14. Red Cross, various press accounts, Polish government officials in exile, refugees workers, the Vatican
15. FDR acknowledges the camps and is well aware of the situation but he just gives a verbal threat to the Nazis that they will be held accountable for war crimes; FDR never goes public
16. not to accept anymore reports intended for private citizens (Jewish leaders); information is blocked for 11 weeks; FDR refused to focus on the issue; churches say nothing, no news reports (back page of the paper if anything)