



Echoes & Reflections Partners - USC Shoah Foundation and Yad Vashem offer several resources to support teaching about the Holocaust with younger students. Educators should review these assets carefully to meet the needs of their student populations and in accordance with our recommended guidelines, especially with a focus on empathy for the victims of the Holocaust.

From Yad Vashem

[Children in the Ghetto](#)

This innovative learning tool deals with children's lives in the ghettos during the Holocaust period and is intended for children in grades 4-6. The environment describes life during the Holocaust from the perspective of children living in the ghettos, presented in an interactive format, with the goal of exposing younger children to the Holocaust in a way that is suited to them and that can create a sense of empathy and awareness to the hardships and human problems of the period.

[The Story of Aharon Barak: A Holocaust Story](#)

This short, animated film tells the story of Aharon Barak, a young boy from Kaunas, Lithuania whose family is changed forever by the Nazi occupation of Europe. Combining animation with archival footage, this film tells the story of Aharon's experiences during the Holocaust and his rescue by a Righteous Among the Nations.

[The Story of Simcha – The story of Holocaust survivor Simcha Holzberg](#)

This short, animated film conveys the experiences of Simcha Holzberg, a Holocaust survivor from Warsaw, Poland. Geared to grades 3 and 4, this short film allows young students to become acquainted with the subject of the Holocaust with an emphasis on spiritual resilience and the values of giving, continuity, and caring for others.

From USC Shoah Foundation

[Lala](#)

In this 360-degree VR-blend of animation and live action video, Holocaust survivor Roman Kent shares the story of his time in Nazi-occupied Poland with his beloved dog, Lala, who taught him the timeless lesson, "love is stronger than hate." The resource includes lessons for upper elementary students.

[Ruth: A Little Girl's Big Journey](#)

In this short, animated film, Dr. Ruth Westheimer shares about her experience escaping Nazi Germany and how those choices shaped her life today. The page also includes additional resources and supporting activities for students in upper elementary school.

[The Number on Great-Grandpa's Arm](#)

The 18-minute HBO documentary film allows educators and families to introduce the topic of the Holocaust to young children in an age-appropriate manner. The page includes a teaching guide for the film to provide families and educators with resources to further the conversation begun in the film.

[The Tattooed Torah](#)

A short film based on Marvell Ginsburg's beloved children's book of the same name, *The Tattooed Torah* recounts the true story of the rescue and restoration of a small Torah from Brno, Czechoslovakia. Narrated by famed actor Ed

Asner, the film teaches historical information about the Holocaust in a manner appropriate for a young audience (Grades 4 and above) by embedding it in a relatable and touching story with accompanying resources.

[The Willesden Project](#)

The Willesden Project brings the power of music and story to reach young people globally and contribute to their development as empathetic, knowledgeable, and resilient individuals. This website contains specifically leveled films, videos, and other innovative resources around the history of the Holocaust and related themes.