

Lesson I: Liberation 75; Local Connections

Questions:

1. Click here [<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/gallery/german-foreign-policy-1933-1945-maps>] and use the map titled **Europe 1933, Germany Indicated**.

What large country is the eastern border between Europe and Asia?

2. Next, use the map titled **German Prewar Territorial Gains**. Note that territory was ‘annexed’ from Lithuania and Czechoslovakia.

Define **Annex** using <https://www.merriam-webster.com/>

Annex means: _____

Under Austria is the world Anschluss. Define Anschluss using <https://www.merriam-webster.com/>

Anschluss means: _____

Using <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/austria> summarize when the Anschluss occurred, what happened to Austria immediately after, and who was prohibited from a later formal vote to join Germany.

Define **Protectorate** using <https://www.merriam-webster.com/>

Protectorate means: _____

Using <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/the-holocaust-in-bohemia-and-moravia> explain how many people identified as Jews were in Bohemia and Moravia after the Anschluss, how many Jews were eventually deported from there, and how many died during the Holocaust.

Watch the video titled Liberation 75 Local Connections [<https://youtu.be/rkIxJBJ3WnQ>]

3. What does the narrator mean when he refers to “tanks and machine guns” being the prettiest words?

4. Use <https://www.merriam-webster.com/> to define **GI**

5. How many Europeans does the narrator state were “held captive by Nazi Germany”?

6. At 1:04 of the video, a door is opened into a camp. Using Google Translate <https://translate.google.com/?hl=en&tab=TT> select **German** in the DETECT LANGUAGE BOX on the left, and enter *Arbeit Macht Frei*. Select English for the box on the right. How is it defined?

What do you think the German actually meant by “work sets you free”?

7. Who, specifically, is the narrator referring to when he says, “we learned about freedom from those who appreciated it *most*”?

Why would he suggest they would appreciate freedom more than, say, captured Prisoners of War?

8. At 2:15 of the video, a sign appears behind freed prisoners. It says, “Les Francais Suivent Les Allies”. Using Google Translate <https://translate.google.com/?hl=en&tab=TT> select **French** in the DETECT LANGUAGE BOX on the left, and enter *Les Francais Suivent Les Allies*. Select English for the box on the right. How is it defined?

Using the article here, <http://www.nww2m.com/2011/12/allies-and-axis-whos-who-in-wwii/> list the main Allies?

According to the same article, who were the main Axis Powers?

Why would the French follow the Allies?

9. At 2:28 of the video, the narrator says, “Every cheer had an echo in hearts too weak to shout aloud”. Write a 3-5 sentences explaining the meaning of this quote from the video.
