

Lesson III: Peter Thomas Liberation 75 Local Connections (southwest Florida resident)

Note to Parents & Teachers. *Please* review this video as it contains graphic photographs. Feel free to skip questions you deem to be inappropriate, too.

Questions:

1. According to [<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/dora-mittelbau-overview>] Nordhausen was also known as Dora-Mittlebau and Dora-Nordhausen. Whatever its name, the camp was originally a sub-camp of _____.
2. The first major case related to war crimes at Nordhausen Concentration Camp was the United States of America v. Kurt Andrae et al.)

[<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/nordhausen-war-crimes-trials>]

How many were found guilty at that first trial? Were any sentenced to death and, if so, how many?

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Who was given the shortest sentence? For how many years was he sentenced?

_____.

Four defendants were acquitted. Define acquitted Using [<https://www.merriam-webster.com/>] and name one of those defendants.

_____.

Why might Nazi Concentration Camp soldiers and doctors be acquitted?

3. Examine the photograph titled *Burial of Nordhausen Prisoners*. It is a color photograph.

Who is doing the work of burying the deceased prisoners?

Watch the video on the invention of color photography located here [<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/videos/category/innovation/the-history-of-color-photography/>]

Based on the video, who is the American who claimed to have invented color photography in 1851

Who does the world of photography credit with its invention? When was it invented?

4. Watch the video of local Liberator, Mr. Peter Thomas

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3A_UJl8Cb4&feature=youtu.be]

To what Infantry Division did Mr. Thomas belong?

According to the United States Army Center of Military History [<https://history.army.mil/documents/ETO-OB/104ID-ETO.htm>], what was the division's nickname?

5. Mr. Thomas stated that when they went into Nordhausen Concentration Camp it was something they were “unprepared for”. He noted at :47 seconds of the video, that some of the soldiers _____, others, many of them _____. How did he react?

_____.

6. At 1:39 Mr. Thomas stated that they, “insisted that the burgemeister” bring all of the men from town to the camp. Using Google Translate [<https://translate.google.com/?hl=en&tab=TT>], select German for the language on the left-hand side and translate burgemeister.

A burgemeister is German for _____.

7. Mr. Thomas goes on to say that after the town’s men had dug pits and placed the deceased in them, that they had the whole town come through and walk by to look. What did the townspeople claim about their knowledge of the camp?

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8. Do you think it is possible that the townspeople were unaware of the camp?

_____.

9. What steps might you take to research if their claim of being unaware of the camp could be true?

