Dear Mr. Inslee,

Should the murder of millions of people be forgotten? The holocaust was a huge event that happened in history. A lot of people lost their lives, 6 Million to be exact. I feel that schools should teach kids about the holocaust because I don’t want history to repeat itself. It teaches us to be aware of the corruption of power. We are taught to learn from our mistakes, and this was a big one.

One reason I feel this way is that 6 million Jewish lives were lost. Jews were killed in many horrific ways. Some examples are, they were thrown into fire, starved to death, they got put into these shower like things and it would be this deadly gas instead of water. Other ways they were killed is they were shot or died of a disease or sickness. The Nazi’s killed anyone who said something wrong or out of turn, if they weren’t working, or looked at a guard wrong. Sometimes they killed them for no reason! A lot of the Jews that did live when they got rescued died because they were so weak, not very healthy, and super skinny. They were even thrown in rivers and trenches! If we don’t teach students this, the 6 million Jews would be dead for nothing, no one would remember this ever happened. “Can history ever correct the extraordinary, profoundly disturbing injustice done to my people, the Jewish people, and to all the other victims? It could; has it? Will the world ever learn? We thought that if only we could speak, people would change. Not enough.” – Day of Remembrance, 2009 (“CNN, Cable News Network 2016).

Another reason is one man named Hittler. That man created the Nazi parties as a symbol of hate and power. Adolf Hittler had power over all the Nazi’s and a lot of the Germans. Hittler was able to have so much power that he was able to abuse it. Hittler had a powerful voice and blamed the Jews for losing WWI. He convinced people to follow him blindly. If we don’t learn to think for ourselves history will repeat itself. “Hitler came to believe the country’s devastating defeat could be attributed not to the Allies, but to insufficiently patriotic “traitors” at home—a myth that would undermine the post-war Weimar Republic and set the stage for Hitler’s rise” (“History.com” 2009).

One of the most important reasons to continue to educate people about the holocaust is to teach that people should be accepted for who they are and we can not be afraid to be different. That way there isn’t as much hate and everyone can be treated the same. Learning about this shows you that hating a type of people can lead to something huge like the holocaust. We can use this to educate our students on how to accept others for who they are. Having a world with all the same people would be boring, so we need to celebrate our differences. “Ongoing research suggests that by visiting emotional sites such as Auschwitz, it may help students to become more morally and socially aware of the consequences of exclusionary policies” (The Conversation 2021).

Some schools and parents believe that the holocaust is to traumatizing and violent for the students to learn. They are afraid that it will teach more violence.

This is an important part of human history. You see if we do not learn about this tragic event as well as other events, then history would repeat itself. Thankfully a lot of us didn’t live through that. Let’s learn about it so we don’t have to go through it. We should educate students because if we don’t educate on the power of hate, then
history will repeat itself. If we pick and choose what events we learn about in history, are we really learning history or just the parts that make us look good?

**Description of Art:***

The art piece that I drew represents the Jews being captured and taken away to the concentration camps. It’s a picture of a Jews number identification when they got to the camps they got a number. The number shows that there are still people alive today that have one. It shows that people have survived and if they didn’t make it they can still be remembered by every survivor. So if you see someone with a number like that just remember they had to go through a horrific time, be kind to them and be thankful that it wasn’t you.

Sincerely,
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My name is Alexandra Taufen, I was born in Spokane Washington on May 11th 2009. I am from a small town called Tekoa. I love being outside and riding horses in my free time. I play softball, basketball, volleyball, and cross country throw out the school year. I show pigs at the fair and stock show.I have twin brother and sister. I live with my siblings, my mom, grandma, and grandpa.

I wrote my story about the Holocaust because I had tons of fun learning about it and I also found it very interesting. I also wrote it because I think it’s an important event that happened in history and kids should learn about it. Also I don’t want history to repeat itself which no one wants that to happen. The holocaust was a huge event in history and kids should learn about it so history doesn’t repeat itself.

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