Understanding Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 7: Ultranationalism and Crimes against Humanity

This chapter investigates as the relationship between ultranationalism and crimes against humanity including the Holocaust.

Chapter Issue: How can ultranationalism lead to crimes against humanity?

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

• That ultranationalism can lead to crimes against humanity including genocide;
• That there are contemporary consequences of ultranationalism (such as the International Criminal Court) and also contemporary issues (such as ethnic cleansing); and,
• That there are sometimes people who act for good in the face of evil.

Topics covered in this chapter include:

1. What are crimes against humanity?
2. How has ultranationalism caused crimes against humanity?
3. What are some current consequences of ultranationalism?

You will apply these skills to your understanding of ultranationalism and crimes against humanity:

1. Create a diagram that connects nationalism, ultranationalism, and racism.
2. Explain your view of the role of peer pressure in crimes against humanity.
3. Examine a map of routes of Armenian forced marches in 1915.
4. List three crimes against humanity, jotting down factors that made each crime possible.
5. Create a T-chart of arguments for and against using atomic bombs in WWII.
6. Create an artifact that symbolizes a response to a crime against humanity that resulted from ultranationalism.