### KRISTALLNACHT: Night of Broken Glass

**A “Reading and Remembrance 2006” Activity Guide**

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**Grade Levels** 7—12

**Curriculum Focus:** Holocaust Studies

**Program Description**

Uncover the Kristallnacht Program of November 9 and 10, 1938 to discover its power and to realize its historic significance in understanding contemporary issues and events when nations demonized and dehumanized targeted groups.

**Lesson Plan**

**STUDENT OBJECTIVES**

- to understand this past news story
- to develop a respect for lessons learned (moral of the story) from this period in history
- to review current events with insights gained through prior knowledge and with an understanding of Kristallnacht
- create, record and air a “Reading and Remembrance” Kristallnacht audio program set for broadcast at 2:10 P.M. November 10, 2006.

**MATERIALS**

- Computer with Internet Access
- “Kristallnacht: Night of Broken Glass – Movie Trailer” (Available on-line as a DWAC “Reading and Remembrance 2006 Resource”)

**Procedures**

1. **VIEW**
   Begin the lesson by viewing “Kristallnacht: Night of Broken Glass – Movie Trailer”
   
   http://www.dwac.ca/movies/KristallnachtTrailer.mov

2. **DURING SCREENING:**
   1.) Take note of individuals, groups and institutions directly affected by this event
   2.) Focus on final text image which looms large and asks the question “WHY?”

3. **RESEARCH (VIA THE INTERNET)**
   Gather information and materials highlighting both the causes and effects of “Kristallnacht”.

4. **READ**
   Read the poem “First they came …” attributed to Pastor Martin Niemöller
   
   http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_they_came …

5. **DISCUSS**
   Discuss what the poem implied in the aftermath of “Kristallnacht” November 9 and 10, 1938 and what it implies for present day witnesses to contemporary global conflicts.

6. **WRITE**
   Compose a piece titled “I Am Not A Giant” based on the idea that citizens/individuals; singularly, have both a responsibility and a duty to take a stand/to make a difference, no matter how small the return may be on noblest of efforts.

7. **BROADCAST**
   Record (or Perform Live) “I Am Not A Giant” for “Reading and Remembrance 2006” programming set for broadcast at 2:10 P.M., Friday, November 10, 2006.