

# Worksheet – The Holocaust in France

## Instructions:

Access: <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/france>

Read:

- the three Key Facts at the top of the page
- the information from under the heading ‘Vichy Regime’ (stop reading above the heading ‘Liberation of France’)

Choose: which level of questions you would like to answer, and follow the instructions for that level, below.

## Level One - Recall and Reproduction

You will find the answers under the headings listed in brackets after each question.

1. What was the relationship between the Vichy government and the Nazi regime? (Key Facts 1 and 2)
2. What did the Vichy government do to French Jews? (Key Fact 3)
3. What was the role of the General Commissariat for Jewish Affairs? (Vichy Regime)
4. When were Jews in France made to wear the yellow star? (Deportations)
5. What happened to most of the French Jews who were taken to the Drancy transit camp? (Deportations)
6. How many Jews from French territory were murdered? (Resumption of Deportations)
7. Why were the majority of Jews with French citizenship able to survive the Holocaust? (Resumption of Deportations)

## Level Two - Skills and Concepts (Choose two)

1. Describe how the Vichy government collaborated with Nazi Germany during the occupation.
2. Analyse the impact of the “Aryanisation” policy on Jewish residents in France.
3. Explain the significance of the Vélodrome d'Hiver roundup in July 1942.

### Level Three - Strategic Thinking (Choose two)

1. Evaluate the motivations behind the Vichy government's antisemitic policies.
2. Interpret why some French officials were reluctant to deport French Jewish citizens.
3. Assess the long term consequences of French collaboration with Nazi Germany.
4. Read under the heading 'Liberation of France'. Assess the role of the French resistance in challenging Nazi occupation.

### Level Four - Extended Thinking (Choose one)

1. Construct an argument about the responsibility of individual citizens during times of oppression.
2. Compare the Holocaust's impact in France with other European countries during the same period.