

Antisemitism – You Can Make a Difference

A workshop about anti-Jewish propaganda and how to confront it

Description

This online workshop on antisemitism is tailored to students of grades 10-12, recently developed by the VHEC as a direct response to the rise of antisemitism in Canada and around the world. The workshop features historical examples of antisemitism and propaganda from the VHEC Collection that explore how the Holocaust represents a paradigmatic genocide and the severe consequences of when hate and racism are left unchecked.

A focus of the workshop is contemporary forms of hatred towards Jews, and how students can become allies against it and other forms of racism. By providing contemporary examples and practical guidelines to students, this workshop demonstrates how students can enhance their media literacy skills to detect antisemitic tropes. It also illustrates how they can confront antisemitic comments, images and conspiracy theories when encountering these in person or on social media.

Format

- To be launched in **spring of 2021**
- **A free-of-charge online resource**
- Recommended for **teachers & students grades 10-12**
- To be offered as an in-class workshop facilitated by VHEC volunteer docents when safe and feasible

Teacher Outcomes

This resource will:

- Support you in teaching about antisemitism and the Holocaust in a **variety of settings** including home-based learning.
- Support you in **anti-racism education**.
- Connect your teaching to a **Canadian perspective** through examples linked to Canada.
- Assist you in teaching and **enhancing media literacy skills** with your students, especially for **social media**.
- Foster **critical thinking** and ideas about **social responsibility** with students, two of the core competencies of the BC curriculum.

Student Outcomes

Through this workshop, your students will:

- Learn about **different forms of antisemitism** – the hatred of Jews.
- Learn how **antisemitic propaganda was instrumentalized by the Nazis** and their collaborators to spread racist ideology against the Jews, leading to the **Holocaust** – the genocide of the European Jews between 1933-1945.
- Explore **current examples** of antisemitism and hate, as circulated for instance on social media.
- Enhance their **media literacy skills**.
- Learn how to **confront antisemitism** today.
- Be **encouraged to take action and be an upstander against** antisemitism as one form of racism.

Any questions? Please contact education@vhec.org