

Virginia Holocaust Museum  
Teacher Education Program



## World War II, the Holocaust and Twentieth Century Genocide

A course that addresses relevant Virginia Standards of Learning

**A free two-weekend course with free materials for  
Teachers of History, Social Science and Language Arts.  
Earn up to 30 Continuing Education Points**

**This course will provide teachers with an introduction to the interrelated subjects of World War II, the Holocaust and Twentieth-Century Genocides. The course will lead teachers to an understanding of these subjects based on the latest studies and information. Teachers will acquire the knowledge and perspectives necessary to inform their students accurately, discuss these subjects with them and answer the questions that arise naturally from such issues.**

A major expert on the Holocaust has noted, "No century in human history can match the twentieth century in sheer numbers of human beings slaughtered as a direct consequence of the political ideas of great states." Thus World War II and the Holocaust rank among the most important issues confronted by humanity. The continuing relevance of the Holocaust is emphasized by the recent genocides in Iraq, Sudan, Rwanda and possibly the Congo.

The format of the course will be a combination of lectures, discussions, films, readings and assignments for teacher's lesson plans and class activities. It will be taught by Professors Bendersky and Hirsch of Virginia Commonwealth University, who are both nationally recognized scholars of the Holocaust and genocide. The course is offered in conjunction with the Virginia Holocaust Museum and will include a tour of the museum.

During the week before the first classes, teachers will read Yehuda Bauer's *A History of the Holocaust* as background for the sections on World War II and the Holocaust taught in the first weekend of classes. In the two-week interval between the formal classes teachers will read Frank Chalk and Kurt Jonassohn's *The History and Sociology of Genocide* as background for the sections on genocide covered the second weekend. Reading guides and other information will be mailed upon receiving registration.

**PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 10.**

**Classes will meet as follows:**

**Friday, October 24 from 4 to 8 pm and Saturday, October 25, from 9 am to 1 pm**

**Friday, October 31 from 4 to 8 pm and Saturday, November 1, from 9 am to 1 pm**



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**Sign-up Form—WWII, Holocaust and Genocide**

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