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History Unfolded and the Realities of Citizen History

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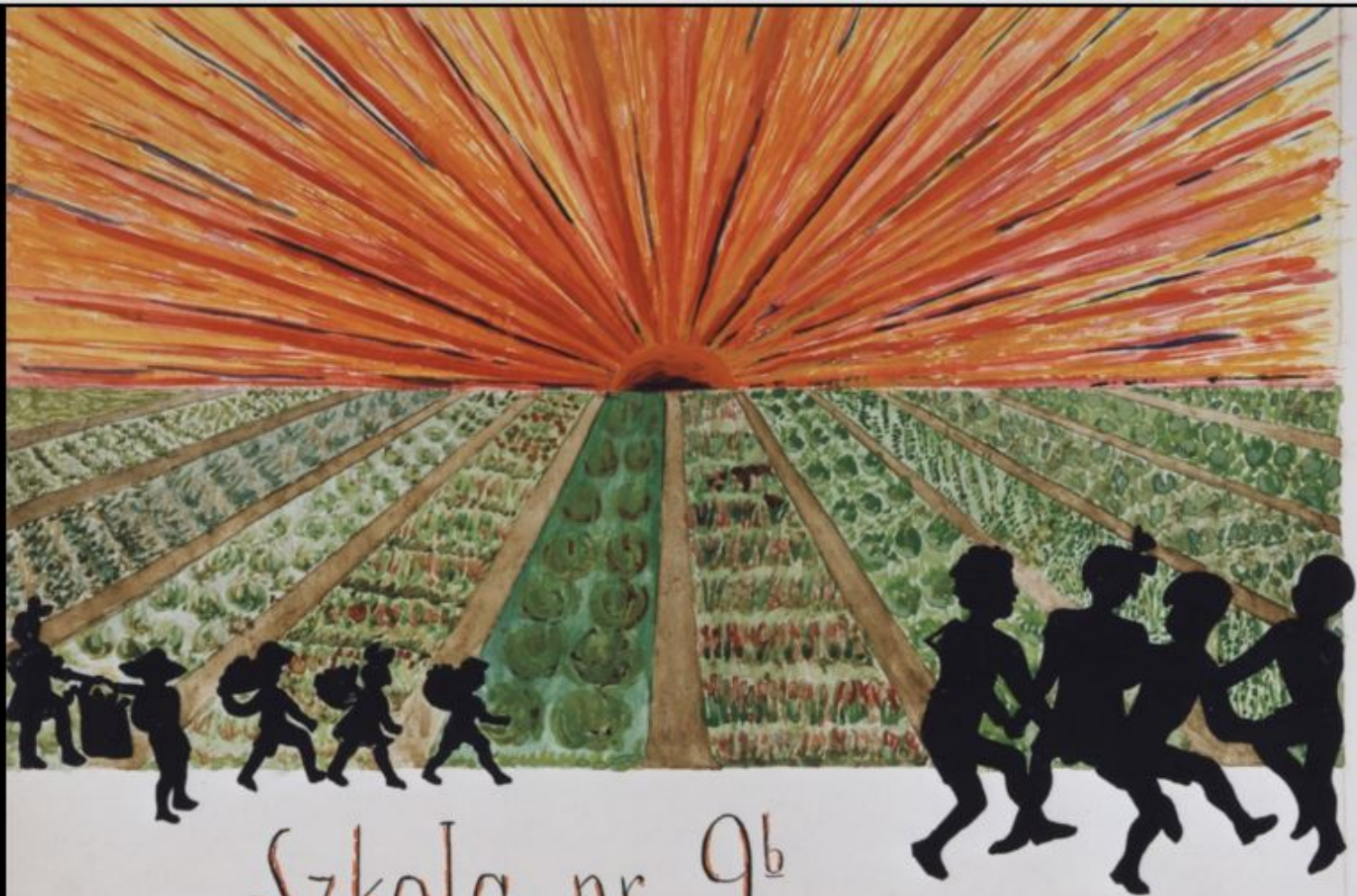
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Szkola nr 9^b.

Za Twe wszystkie dobrodziejstwa dla nas dzieci
zyczymy Ci, Czcigodny Panie Prezesie,
abyś żył i pracował dla nas długie, długie lata.

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PROJECT STATUS

27

Students known to have survived

186

Students known to have perished

10724

Students with currently unknown fate



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INTRODUCTION

Help the museum reconstruct the lives of school children who fell victim to the Holocaust. By piecing together information from online databases and scanned records, you will enable the museum and other researchers to understand more fully the experiences of young people from the Lodz ghetto during the Holocaust.

On September 23, 1941, Chaim Rumkowski, chairman of the Lodz Ghetto's Jewish Council, received an album full of hand-drawn greetings for the Jewish New Year from over 13,000 students living in the ghetto. Within a year, many of these children were deported and murdered in gas vans at the Chelmno killing center, but some remained in the ghetto and even after the ghetto's liquidation and their evacuation through numerous camps, some of the students survived.

We know the names of these children; can you help us tell their stories?

LATEST RESEARCH

10937

Number of student names available for research



STUDENT LIST

Over 13,000 students signed the Lodz ghetto schools album. A partial list of their names is available for research here. Over time, we

STUDENT PROFILE: J. DAWIDOWICZ

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Gender: [Boy](#)

School: [Gymnasium and high school for boys](#)

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STAGE 1: IDENTITY

Student's Given Name: [Jakub Dawidowicz](#)

Source: [Lodz Ghetto Inhabitants](#)

Status: Submitted 2/17/2012; **Submitted for approval** | Researcher: [birponcz](#)

[Josek Lajb Dawidowicz](#)

Source: [Lodz Ghetto Inhabitants](#)

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Birth Date: [1926-00-00](#) Source: [Lodz Ghetto Inhabitants](#)

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[1927-02-13](#) Source: [Lodz Ghetto Inhabitants](#)

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Ghetto Street Address: [Adolf-Hitler-Strasse, 25](#)

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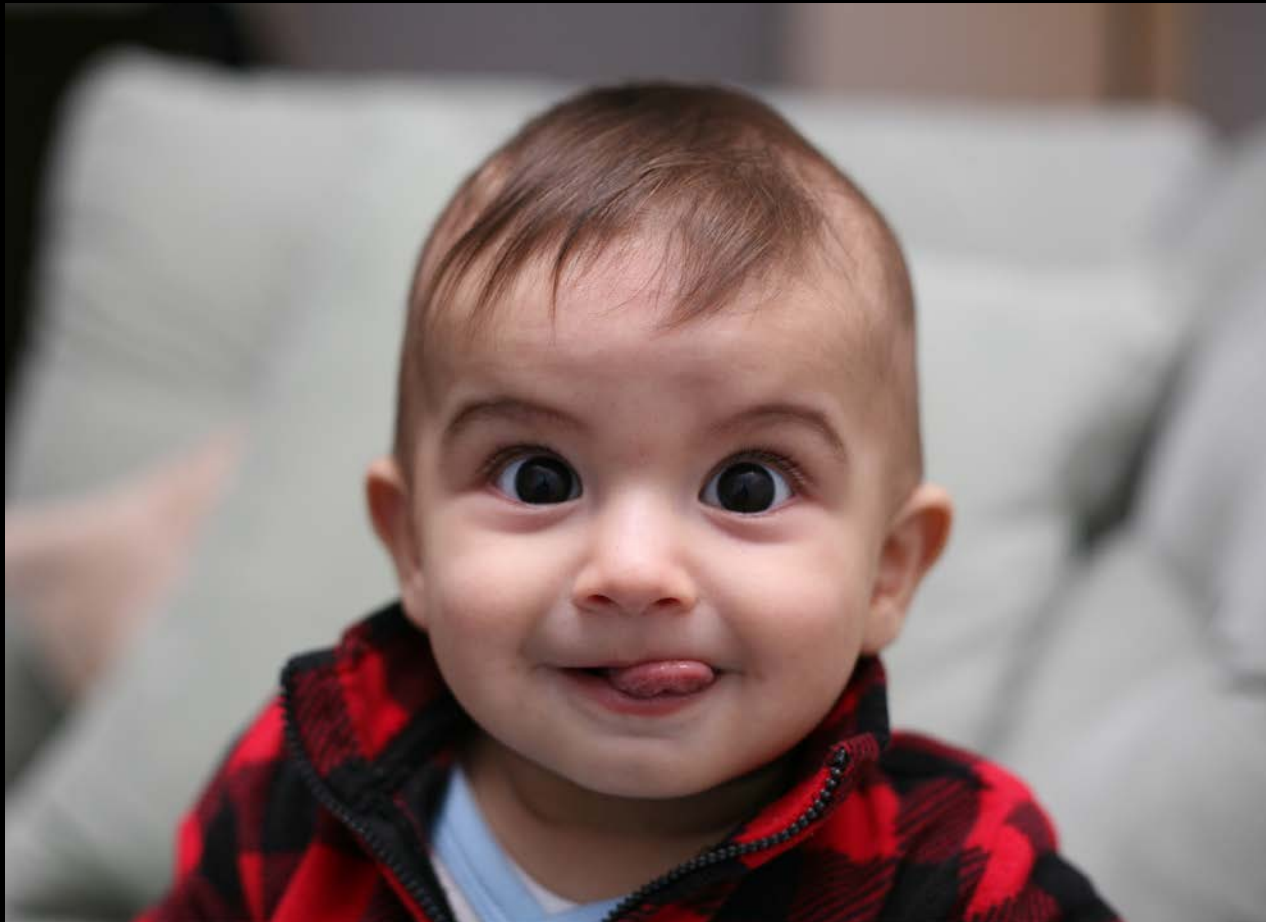
[Mühlgasse, 4, 20](#) Source: [Lodz Ghetto Inhabitants](#)

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[Neustadtstrasse, 29, 3](#)

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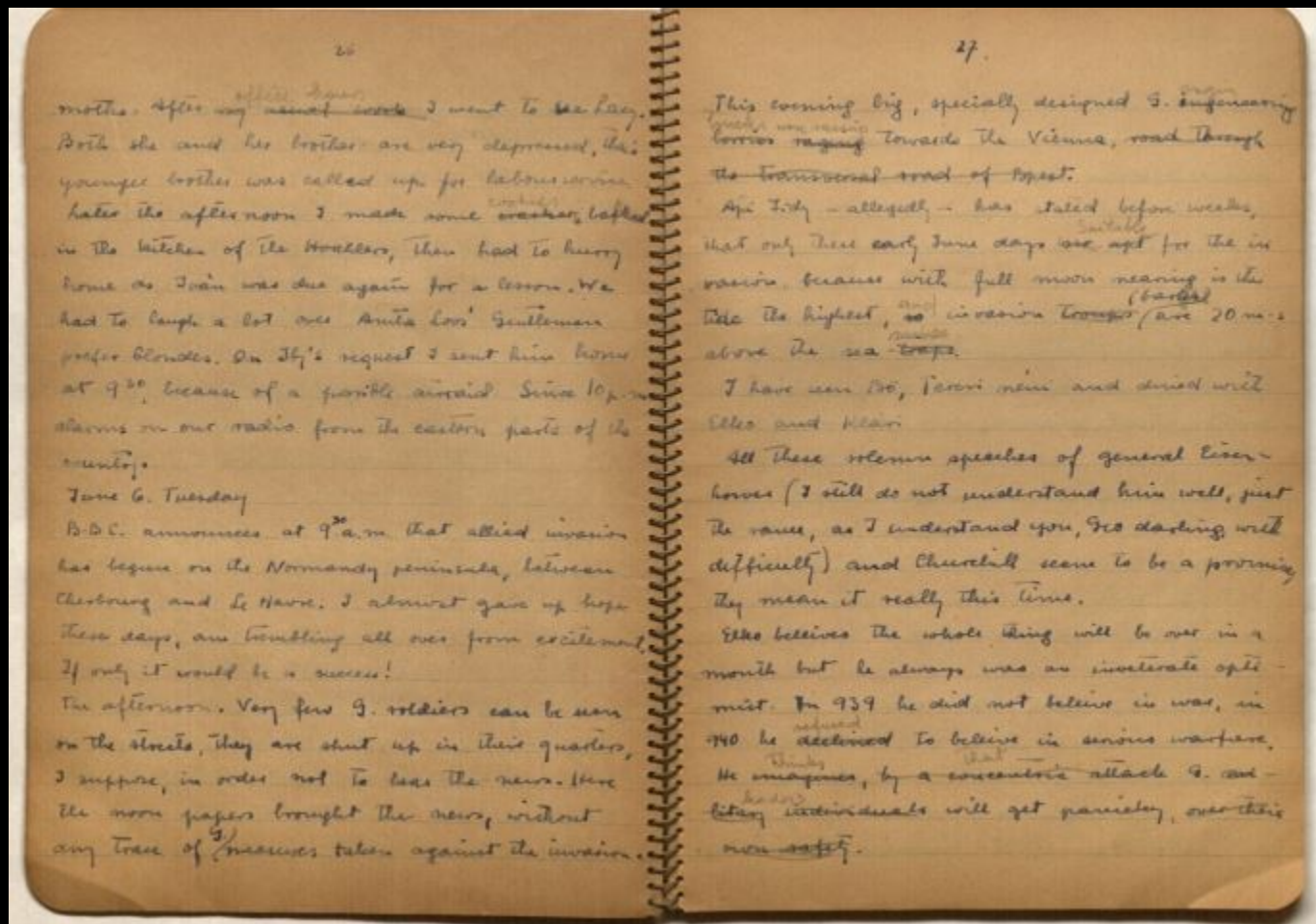
And then we learned.



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4 staff, 6 months, \$0.



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It's not about us.



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Guiding principles.

1. Citizen history is a contract.

2. User experience and answering historical questions bear equal weight.

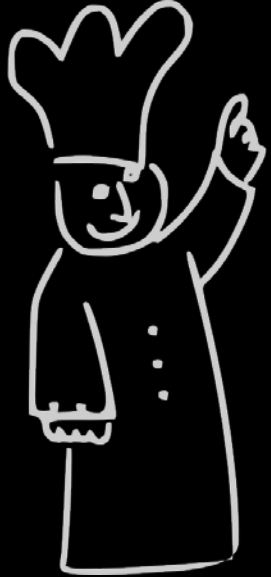
CITIZEN

HISTORY

3. Learn from your users at every stage of the process.

4. Make sure it's real history.

5. More definition is better.



6. It takes just enough cooks.

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Project lead



Historian

Educator



Community Manager



UX Designer

Front-end
developer

Back-end
developer



7. Make decisions together.

8. Simple (but not simplistic).

9. If you build it, will they come?

HISTORY UNFOLDED

US NEWSPAPERS AND THE HOLOCAUST



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Make sure it's real history.

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US NEWSPAPERS AND THE HOLOCAUST BETA

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Help tell America's story.

What did ordinary people know about the Holocaust in 1933-1945? Your research in local newspapers will help answer that question.

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

STEP 1



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STEP 2



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STEP 3



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The Banger Daily News

BANGOR, MAINE, MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 23, 1933 12 PAGES THREE CENTS

MISTREATMENT OF JEWISH RACE IN GERMANY ENDS

REPORT MADE TO STATE DEPT IN WASHINGTON

Based on investigation by American Consulates LEADING AMERICAN JEWS INFORMED

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—The American government is today being notified in effect by the State department of the results of a report made to it by the American Consulate in Berlin, Germany, which states that the mistreatment of the Jewish race in that country has ended.

The report, which was made by the American Consul in Berlin, Germany, states that the mistreatment of the Jewish race in that country has ended. The report was made to the State department by the American Consul in Berlin, Germany, and is being notified to the State department today.

PROHIBITION FORCES PLAN FOR BATTLE

Hope to Stem Tidal Wave of Beer at August Monday

OTHER BUSINESS Bill to Regulate Motor Trucks Still Problem to Solve

AGOSTA, March 22.—(AP)—Maine prohibition forces are today making plans for a battle which is expected to be a tidal wave of beer at August Monday.

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Maine Invites the World to a Wake

Maine should pray to be delivered from its "State of Impotence." That body constitutes a deep and continuous depression in the life and affairs of the community, a halt and chain upon the struggling feet of progress and an acute irritation to the public mind.

The indictment is true of a majority of the so-called "progressive" members of the Legislature. It has been true of Legislatures past, in general, but it applies with particular force to the majority of the House now assembled, which has spent three months in inaction and for the most part in idleness.

TWELVE DEAD IN TRIPLE CRASH OF AIR TRANSPORT

UNIDENTIFIED MAN KILLED BY AUTO TRAILER

Victim Struck While Walking in Road At South River

SKULL FRACTURED Initial Cause, S. S. on King Providence Police With Only Clue

An unidentified man was killed and dismembered this evening at South River, Maine, when he was struck by a trailer attached to a truck. The victim's skull was fractured.

Smiles for Breakfast

Smiles for breakfast... A breakfast smile... Smiles for breakfast... A breakfast smile...

Maine Potato Growers Can Borrow Up to \$300

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—The Federal Reserve bank today announced that it will loan up to \$300 to potato growers in Maine.

Find Body of One of Missing Roxbury Girls

Body of one of the missing Roxbury girls was found today in a ditch near the city.

Liberty National Bank of Ellsworth

Frank J. Dunbar, cashier, has been made controller of the bank pending reorganization and is authorized by the Comptroller of the Currency to receive and check accounts under the Emergency Banking Act recently passed by Congress.

HARRY SNOW OF BREWER MAY BE THE MAN KILLED

Brewer, Maine, a retired banker, was the man killed by a truck trailer in South River, Maine, according to a report from the police.

Inflammatory Effects of New Currency Explained

The inflationary effects of the new currency are explained by the fact that it is being issued in large quantities.

SYMPATHY SERVICE BY FRIENDS OF JEWS

Meeting to Be Held in Presbyterian Church Sunday Night. Public Invited.

A public service for prayer and the awakening of an informed opinion on the present unhappy condition of Jews in Germany will be held in the Presbyterian church here on Sunday evening next at eight o'clock.

Most of Victims Are Trapped by Flames After Explosion

PLUNGES INTO DWELLINGS IN FALL TO EARTH

ONE CRITICALLY ACCIDENT CAUSED BY POOR VISIBILITY DUE TO RAIN, Say Officials

WARRNS THE WORLD

BEAUFUL SPIRIT OF CALAMITY SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED

Hitler Foreign Minister Sees Rebirth of War-time Propaganda

NEWS TELEPHONE DIAL 6411

WEATHER

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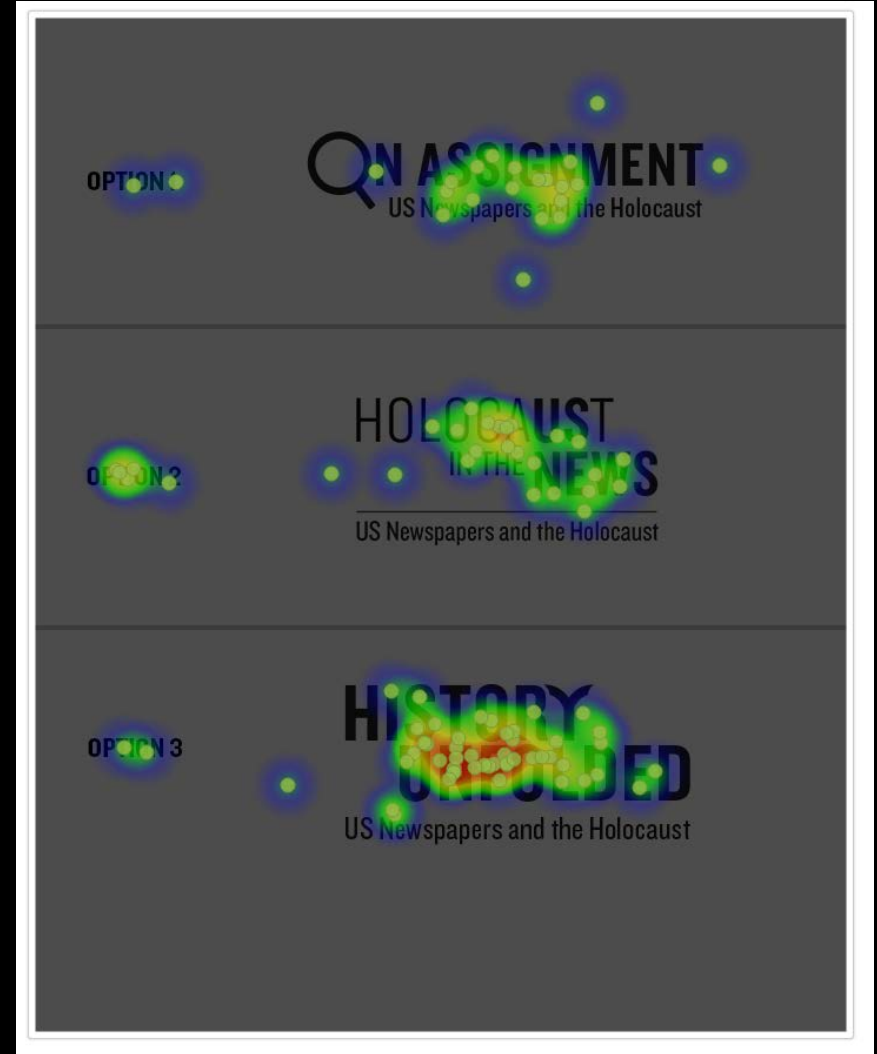
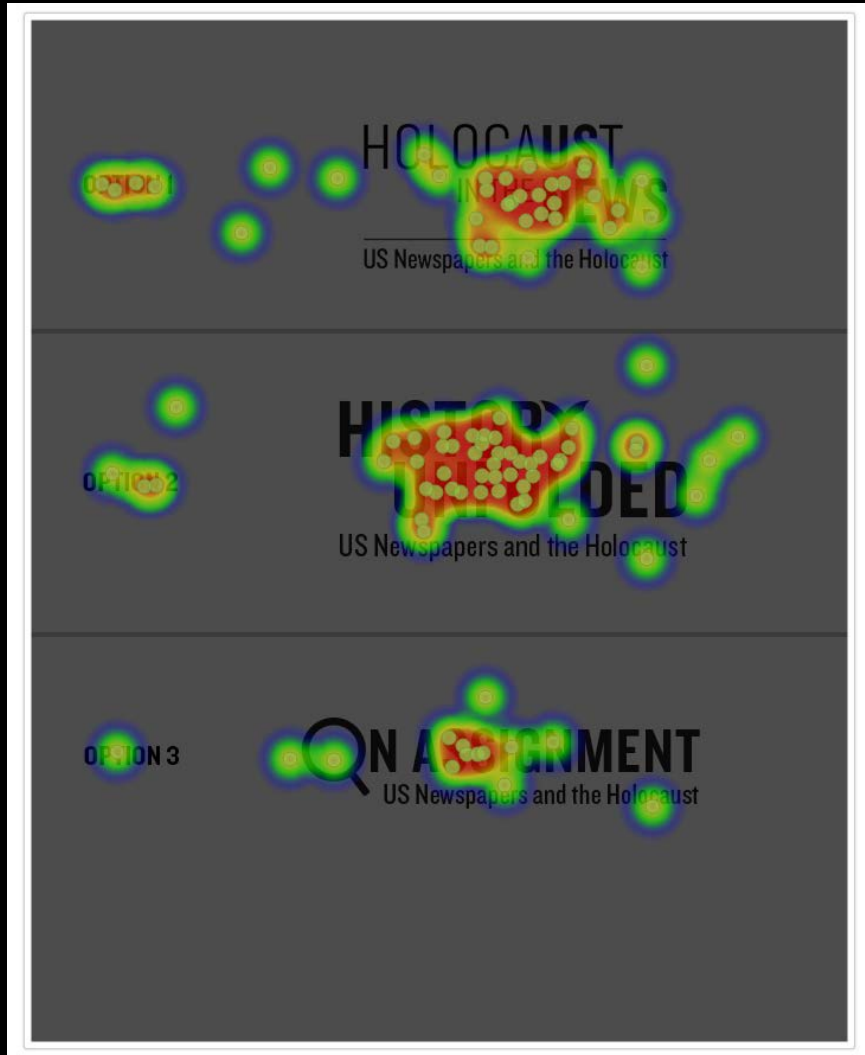


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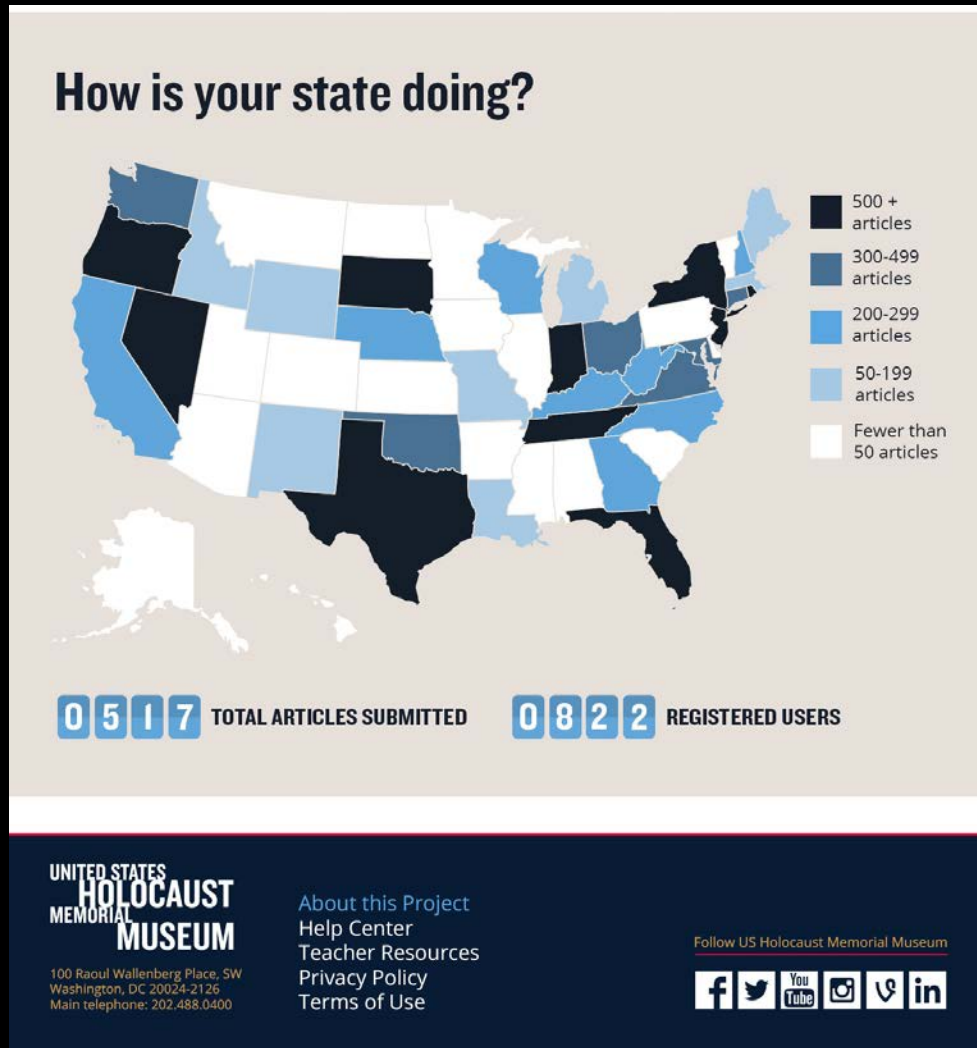


Create a Group

Learn from your users.



User experience = historical answers



Simple (but not simplistic).

HISTORY UNFOLDED
US NEWSPAPERS AND THE HOLOCAUST BETA

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Show as much news as possible

To provide the most complete overview possible, newspaper editors placed as many stories as they could on the front page. There are 20 stories (labeled with **red markers**), a standalone photo ("Victory Smile"), stocks, and the weather on this front page.

Unsettled

The Corpus Christi Times

Member Audit Bureau of Circulations

VOLUME 28--NUMBER 247 CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 8, 1942 TWELVE PAGES TODAY

WAGE-HOUR ACT COMPROMISED

United States Protests Japanese Bombings

State Financial Crisis Is Averted With Decision To Issue Bonds on Tax Fund

Bandits Take \$200,000 From Canton and Companion Sought As Suspects

Canton a Helpless War Target

Forty Cents Would Be Paid at End of Seven Years

At Least Three New Casualties on Honam Island

Possible Special Session Is Discounted

Victory Smile

LOOKOUT BELOW

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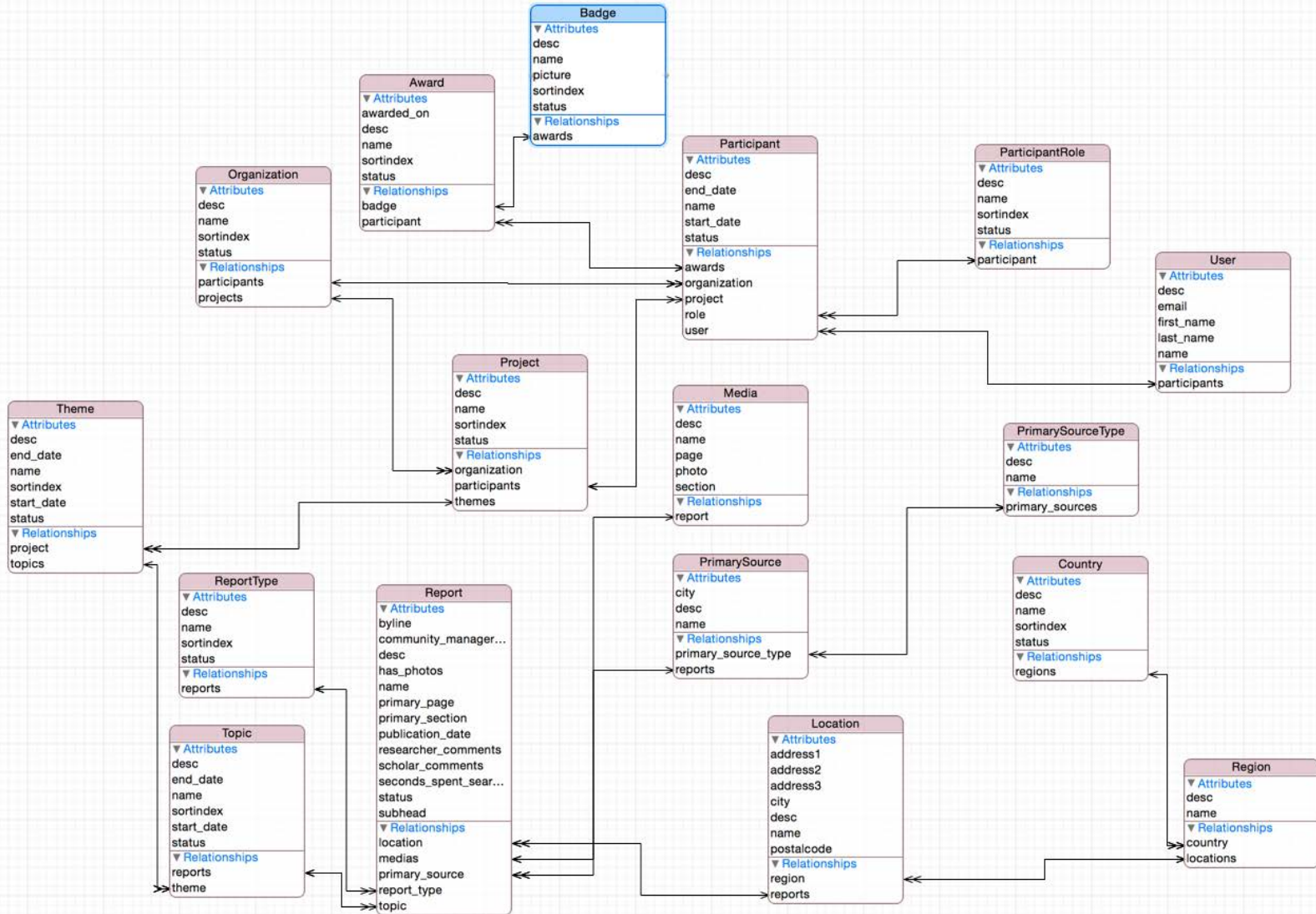
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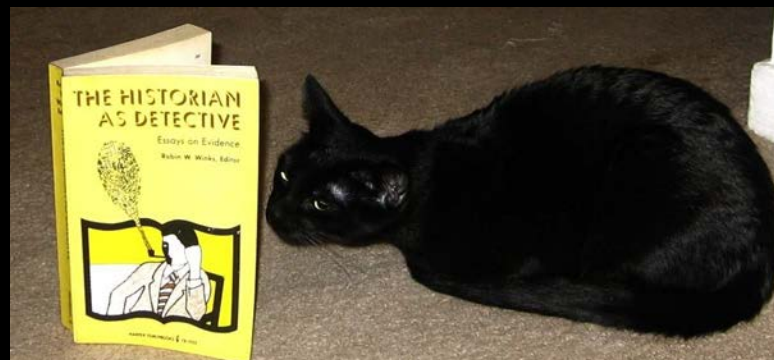


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Mr. Ducke



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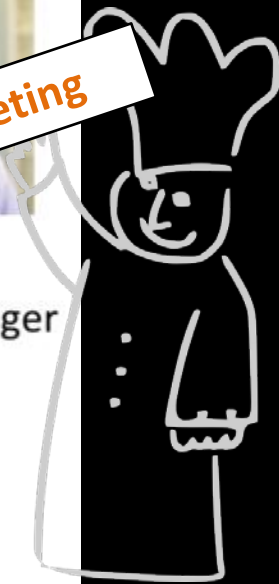
Museum C



Exhibition team



Marketing



Stakeholders



David Klevan
Educator

Eric Schmalz
Community Manager



Audience Specialists

Melanie Bender
User Experience Designer

Greg Jacobson
Database Developer

Anson Kitchens
Web Editor

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A path forward.



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Citizen history as mainstream methodology.

Citizen history as mainstream methodology starts with people.

Define the **question**.

Define the **audience**.

Define the **team**.

Define the **partners**.

Citizen history as mainstream methodology.

What is the question I want to answer?

Citizen history as mainstream methodology.

What could not be done without citizen historians?

Citizen history as mainstream methodology.

Who would benefit most from being involved in this process of discovery?

Citizen history as mainstream methodology.

Who are the people on staff with me or who I know who could serve the vital roles?

Citizen history as mainstream methodology.

How can I get to know my target audiences better? **How** can I reach them before, during, and after the building process?

Citizen history as mainstream methodology.

What is the platform best suited to:

- the citizen participants?
- the guiding question?
- the chosen methodology?

Citizen history as mainstream methodology.

Who has already laid the groundwork with a similar project?

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Define the **partners**.

**and recommit
throughout the
project.**

Guiding principles cheat sheet.

1. Citizen history is a contract.
2. UX bears equal weight to historical questions.
3. Learn from your users at every stage.
4. Make sure it's real history.
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