Understanding Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 7: Ultranationalism and Crimes against Humanity

This chapter investigates as the relationship between ultranationalism and crimes against humanity including the Holocaust.

Chapter Issue: How can ultranationalism lead to crimes against humanity?

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

- That ultranationalism can lead to crimes against humanity including genocide;
- That there are contemporary consequences of ultranationalism (such as the International Criminal Court) and also contemporary issues (such as ethnic cleansing); and,
- That there are sometimes people who act for good in the face of evil.

Topics covered in this chapter include:

- 1. What are crimes against humanity?
- 2. How has ultranationalism caused crimes against humanity?
- 3. What are some current consequences of ultranationalism?

You will apply these skills to your understanding of ultranationalism and crimes against humanity:

- 1. Create a diagram that connects nationalism, ultranationalism, and racism.
- 2. Explain your view of the role of peer pressure in crimes against humanity.
- 3. Examine a map of routes of Armenian forced marches in 1915.
- 4. **List** three crimes against humanity, **jotting down** factors that made each crime possible.
- 5. Create a T-chart of arguments for and against using atomic bombs in WWII.
- 6. **Create** an artifact that symbolizes a response to a crime against humanity that resulted from ultranationalism.