

MSE06

Prompt #2 - Compare and contrast the treatment the European Jews went through during the Holocaust to the ways different groups of people are treated today. (This entry is written as a poem, not an essay format.)

### **Why Have We Learned Nothing?**

If society has "changed", society has grown, society has learned from the past,

Why do we make the same mistakes?

Why have we dehumanized the people who walk on two feet, breathe, and eat just like us?

Why have we influenced acts of segregation with fellow humans because of their personal

beliefs, or the melanin in their skin?

Why do these cruel people live with the feelings of hatred and partiality towards human beings

made by the same creator?

Why have we learned nothing?

During the Holocaust, European Jews were abused. Jews were worked to the point where they would do practically anything for freedom, or a second chance.

Some Jews didn't fear death, they feared not receiving it.

They were so desperate to escape the horrendous work camps, that some wished for death, Even the people that did not want to die, knew that death was practically inevitable.

They knew that the moment they stepped foot onto those cattle cars.

They felt no hope.

The NAZIs had made these Jews feel unwelcome on land that was welcome to all. But this sounds familiar.

Familiar to our world today.

Even though the holocaust has concluded, like stated earlier, society has learned nothing. Why?

Even today not all people feel welcome on land that is welcome to all.

These human beings are driven out of their own homes. Just like in the past.

These human beings are being racially discriminated against and getting physically and verbally attacked.

Just like in the past.

Human beings are being treated like “aliens” or “creatures”.

Just like in the past.

So, going back to the original question, Why do we make the same mistakes?

Many people share their own personal thoughts on this topic.

Mine is simple: we have not grown.

We have not developed and made the necessary changes as an entire planet.

We have stood stagnant since the Holocaust, all the way to the present day.

Going from the dehumanizing act of slavery, to unbearable mistreatment of the Jews and other

groups of people, all the way to our world currently, we have not changed, we have found workarounds. People have tried to make this segregation less obvious, rather than try to abolish it.

No matter how much you attempt to deny or hide the truth, the truth will still exist.

All in all, I have one question not just for the ones committing these acts,

But as well the ones who stand by, don't speak up, and watch the issue get worse: Why have we learned nothing?