**The Warsaw Ghetto**

On 1st September 1939 Germany invaded Poland and the Second World war began in Europe. Within months millions of Europe’s Jews were under the rule and control of the Nazis. One of the ways in which the Nazis were to deal with the large numbers of Jews was to use ghettos. Ghettos were set up in many Polish cities. The best known ghetto was in the capital city, Warsaw.

**Key Issue: What was life like for Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto?**

Before you tackle the main issue you must break it down into smaller ‘sub-issues’. This will help you and make it easier to organise your thoughts and materials.

Here are some key sub-issues:

1. How many people lived in the ghetto?
2. What were their houses like?
3. What work did they have to do?
4. What food did they get?
5. Why did so many Jews die in the ghetto?
6. How did the Germans treat the Warsaw Jews?

Now that you have your sub-issues you can gather information for each of them. Use a separate piece of paper for each sub-issue and every time you find useful information for a particular issue you can copy it down on the appropriate page.

Try to gather information from different types of sources such as books, newspaper articles, journals documentary programmes etc.

1. **The Title Page**

**How to lay out your investigation**

Design a title page to show the reader what your investigation is about.

2. **Contents Page**

This provides a list of the sub-issues covered and their page numbers.

**3. Introduction**

Introduce your investigation by explaining what it is about. You should explain why the Nazis set up the Warsaw Ghetto and perhaps how it was done.



**Extra Challenge:** Explain the advantages and disadvantages of each method of investigation that you used (library, television programmes, newspaper articles, interviews, text books, and the Internet).

4. **The Main Body of your Investigation**

This part of your investigation should include the answers to the six sub-issues.

You should write or type each question onto a separate piece of paper and then discuss your findings. You should try to make it as interesting as possible by including

pictures, maps, diagrams, drawings, quotes and written information. You must not copy chunks of information from text books or internet sources. You must put the information into your own words.

**Extra Challenge:** Be ambitious! Organise your investigation into something you are

proud to show to people. (Neat writing, word process, power point presentation, or video)

5. **Conclusion**

Briefly outline what you found out during the investigation, this should sum up your

findings to the main issue “what was life like in the Warsaw Ghetto?”

6. **Bibliography**

Provide a list of all the sources you have used so the reader knows where you got

your information from. This should include any text books, hand outs from your

teacher, internet sites, newspaper articles, or video programmes.

**Success criteria:**

1. I completed the challenge on time.

2. I used my time in class, and at home, well to focus on the set task.

3. I followed the instructions on how to lay out my investigation, as detailed above.

4. I included detailed information about the six sub-issues.

5. My work is clearly presented, easy to read and contains no spelling errors.