



Do they have the right to commemorate?

Private commemoration on the graveyard of the Special Camp No. 2 in Buchenwald

Teacher Material
Activity Plan

Student Material
Materials and Sources

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Comemoration means to preserve a memory of another, to remember a person or an event. The wish to be remembered is a universal one. Memorialization can be manifested through various narratives and forms and it is influenced by personal, political and other factors. Private narratives could be different from the official. How to cope with or reconcile different narratives and the universal need for memorialization? People play different roles during their lives, and have different identities at the same time (for example, mother, daughter, wife, employee, traveler...). The key question is: Could we respect and comemorate the person if we are familiar with the the most of his idenities? The workshop deals with the commemoration at the Buchenwald Soviet Special Camp No 2 and its graveyard.



16+ years

Learning outcomes

Students will

 45 minutes

- Explain the reasons why politicians, historians, and affected families have different interests connected with the history of the Soviet Special Camp No. 2 in Buchenwald
- Describe the intentions behind official and private commemorations presented at the graveyard of the Soviet Special Camp No. 2
- Use the materials and sources to create a proposal of private commemoration
- Evaluate different narratives related to individual cases of private and official commemoration