



Phillip Rodney on Wolfgang Rimalower



1. In what ways did antisemitism affect Wolfgang's life?
2. What was the effect of Wolfgang's experience on Phillip? How did it affect his life when growing up or as an adult?
3. Discuss – why was it so hard for Wolfgang to escape? What could have made things easier?

Glossary

SS

The SS, short for *Schutzstaffel* (German for “Protection Squadron”), was originally formed as Adolf Hitler’s personal bodyguard unit. Over time, it grew into one of the most powerful and feared organizations in Nazi Germany. The SS was in charge of protecting Hitler, enforcing Nazi policies, and controlling German secret police and concentration camps. They played a central role in carrying out the Holocaust and other crimes during World War II. The SS acted above the law and was responsible for many acts of violence, discrimination, and terror in the Nazi state.

Gestapo

The German Secret State Police, which was under SS control. The Nazi regime relied on them to maintain and protect their power.

Tefillin

Black leather boxes containing Hebrew parchment scrolls with leather straps so the wearer can secure one to their head and one to their arm.