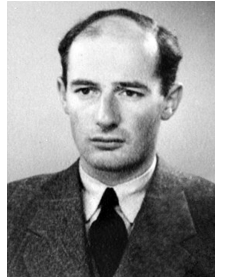


Student Worksheet #1: Brief Timeline of Hungary in WWII (2 pages)



1930s–Early 1940s:

- Nazi Germany spreads propaganda across Europe, promoting antisemitism and hate.
- Hungary becomes increasingly influenced by Nazi ideas.

1940–1943:

- The Hungarian **Arrow Cross Party** (a fascist, violent, extreme-nationalist group) gains power and spreads antisemitic propaganda.

1944 (March):

- **Germany invades and occupies Hungary.**
- Jewish Hungarians are forced to wear yellow stars on their clothing.
- Ghettos are created, forcing Jewish families into overcrowded, unsafe areas.

1944 (May–July):

- Mass **deportations of Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz** begin. Hundreds of thousands are taken.
- Roma people, political opponents, resistance members, people aiding Jews, and LGBTQ+ people were persecuted, imprisoned, and murdered.

July 1944:

- **Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, arrives in Budapest.**
- Using Swedish protective passes (documents), safe houses, and incredible bravery, he rescues 20,000+ Jewish Hungarians.

Late 1944:

- The Arrow Cross escalates violence, but Raoul Wallenberg continues saving lives.

January 1945:

- The Soviet Army enters Budapest, ending Nazi control.
- Raoul Wallenberg is taken by Soviet forces—his fate afterward remains unknown.

1945:

- WWII ends in Europe. Survivors attempt to rebuild their lives.