

## CURRICULUM TOPICS:

1. Annexation of Austria (Anschluss)
2. Kristallnacht
3. The Blitz

## SUMMARY OF VIDEO:

Ilse Voss speaks about her family life in the small town of Liesing, outside Vienna prior to Hitler's annexation of Austria. She describes the Anschluss and how her family was evicted from their home and lived in the empty Rabbi's apartment in the local synagogue. On Kristallnacht, the Nazis searched the apartment, forced them to leave and the synagogue was set on fire. Ilse and her mother left for England to work as a maid and au pair. Both Ilse's father and 12 year old brother were deported. Ilse and her mother survived the Blitz in London by hiding in the London Underground. She met her future husband Fred Voss in London and they corresponded for 5 years before settling in the U.S., eventually in Ithaca.





# Curriculum

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## Topic #1: Annexation of Austria (Anschluss)

### Resources

- [Anchluss after annexation](#)

### Discussion questions

- Discuss the political impact of the annexation of Austria.
- What impact did the Anschluss have for Jewish people living in Austria?

## Topic #2: Kristallnacht

### Resources

- [Radio Free Europe video about Kristallnacht](#)
- [US Holocaust Memorial Museum overview of Vienna, including Kristallnacht in Vienna](#)
- [US Holocaust Memorial Museum overview of Kristallnacht](#)

### Discussion questions

- What was Kristallnacht? Why did it happen? What were the impacts?
- What happened to Ilse and her family on Kristallnacht?

## Topic #3: The Blitz

### Resources

- [Overview video of the Blitz](#)
- [A first hand account of living through The Blitz](#)

### Discussion questions

- What was The Blitz? How did it impact life for people living in London?
- What was Ilse's experience in The Blitz?

